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Trustees Move To Keep Funderburk Make Auburn AUA

At its meeting on January 7 at which Gov. Fob James had promised a solution to the long-festering Auburn crisis, the Board of Trustees took action which may have raised more questions than it answered. Meeting in executive session most of the afternoon, the Board came out to publicly vote 10-1-1 on a resolution retaining President H. Hanly Funderburk, creating an Auburn University System with Auburn on par with AUM, and adding a chancellor for the running of Auburn University at Auburn. Less than five minutes after sitting for the public meeting, the Board adjourned.

The resolution (reprinted below) designates Dr. Funderburk as "President and chief executive officer of the Auburn University System." It directs that a new chancellor be hired for the Auburn campus to serve as "chief executive officer" of "the Auburn campus and all activities related thereto, [who] shall report to the President and through the President to the Board of Trustees."

The final directive in the resolution is that the board immediately begin a search for the new chancellor with "all segments of the Auburn family represented." Although there's been no public action toward

implementing the resolution, administration spokesman Dan Holsenbeck, director of University Relations, said on January 19 that "the president has been in contact with members of the board discussing implementation of the resolution."

Some observers predicted that the Board would take no further action until after Gov. George Wallace assumed office on January 17 and reappointed the three trustees whose terms expired the first of the year (R.C. Bamberg, Charles M. Smith, III, and Robert H. Harris) or appointed new members of the board. The current trustees will continue until Gov. Wallace makes the appointments.

The lone trustee who talked with reporters following the January 7 meeting, John V. Denson of Opelika, said that few details of the chancellorship were worked out by the board and no special meetings were planned. But, he said, the new chancellor "must have complete control of this campus, specifically in personnel matters." Trustee Denson did say that the president would move out of Samford Hall into an office in Hargis Hall but will continue to live in the President's Mansion.

After the meeting, President Funderburk told reporters that he would devote 90 percent of his time to financial and external affairs, specifically working with the legislature and fund-raising activities such as the Auburn Generations Fund. On Monday following the board meeting on Saturday, Dr. Funderburk issued a statement directed largely at the faculty in which he called for a "vital balance" at Auburn of "contesting and competing concerns." (See the text of the statement below.) However, if it was designed to conciliate the faculty, the statement failed.

By a vote of 46 to 12 the University Senate at its regular Tuesday session voted to censure President Funderburk for "disregard for the general welfare of the University," and in a resolution that calls again for his "immediate resignation or removal from any executive position with Auburn University," said that his continuation in "any executive position of this university will result in irrevocable harm to the university." (The University Senate is the governing body of the faculty and staff at Auburn and is made up of representatives of the administration and an elected representative from each academic department on campus.)

In addition to its resolution regarding President Funderburk, the Senate expressed "displeasure" with the Board of Trustees for "being derelict in its responsibilities for the welfare of the University." It cited specifically the board's allowing "intrusion of

external political and economic interests in the internal affairs of the Board and the University"; its creating a chancellor system that is "a costly waste of scarce University and tax payer funds and does not resolve but adds to the basic issues of controversy at Auburn University"; and its "general disregard for the welfare of Auburn University as fundamentally a comprehensive institution of higher learning."

The University Senate also passed resolutions authorizing its officers to draft an open letter to Auburn alumni (See page 6) and asking the Board of Directors of the Auburn Alumni Association for a meeting with officers of the University Senate and the General Faculty. The Senate resolutions say that "interested and improved interaction" between alumni and the faculty is the best way to "reestablish and enhance" a "strong, mutually supportive and harmonious relationship" between alumni and faculty which it called essential to the "best interest and welfare of the University."

President's Statement

Auburn University has passed through some very difficult months, a period of time which has focused attention upon our every word and action. It has been a time for serious introspection by this institution, its administration and its faculty. However, the time has come for all members of the Auburn family—faculty, administrators, staff, students, alumni and friends—to join together in our common cause: The improvement of Auburn University in its service to the people of Alabama and the nation.

To the Auburn faculty I address a special statement. You are a fine group of scholars and you have my respect. On occasions you and I have had our differences—some due to mistakes we have made and others due to misunderstandings or inadequate communication. However, I believe that each

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Trustees' Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED

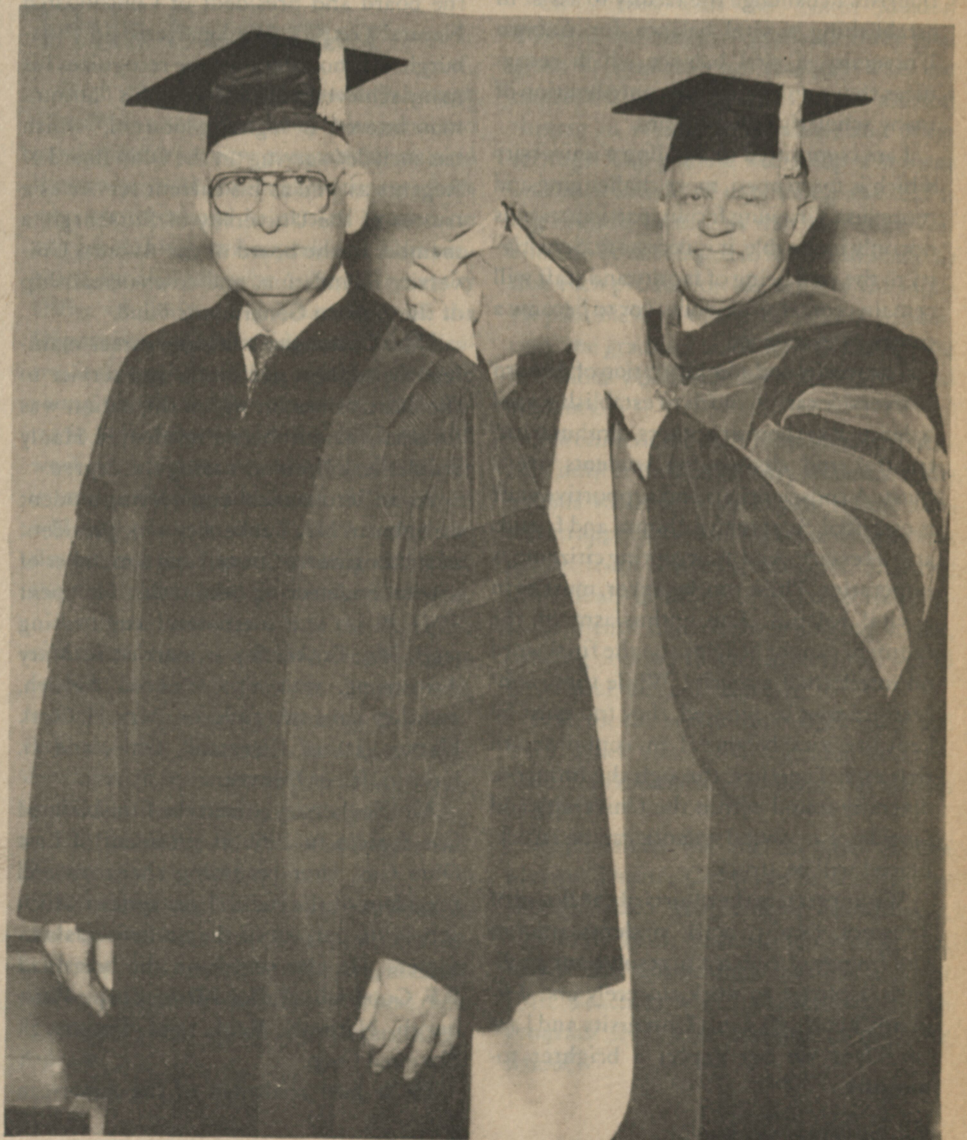
That Dr. Hanly Funderburk shall continue to serve as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Auburn University System.

And, that there shall be established a new position of Chancellor of Auburn University and that such Chancellor shall serve as Chief Executive Officer of the Auburn Campus and all activities related thereto, and shall report to the President and through the President to the Board of Trustees.

That the position of Chancellor of Auburn University at Montgomery shall be continued as now constituted.

That the Board shall immediately cause a search to be made for the new Chancellor of Auburn University with all segments of the Auburn family represented.

Approved by the Board of Trustees, Jan. 7 1983.



HONORARY DEGREE—G. J. (Jack) Tankersley '43, chairman and president of Consolidated Natural Gas Co., received an honorary Doctor of Science from Auburn on December 9 from President Hanly Funderburk. See story on page 2.

Campus News

President's Statement

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of us was guided by a sincere commitment to do what we viewed as best for this university.

At its best, a university is a vital balance of contesting and competing concerns. Auburn University is at a juncture where this vital balance is both necessary and desirable.

In recent months, the establishment of a vital balance between this administration and portions of the Auburn University faculty has been thwarted. The factors giving rise to this are numerous and have been discussed at length. The factors are matters of history. Our challenges are those of the present and the future. A vital balance for the future of Auburn University is our goal.

To achieve this vital balance requires administrative stewards. Those who see the future of Auburn University as challenging will find that their role in establishing this vital balance is immense. It is imperative that all of us be able to critically review the past, be willing to communicate adequately, and be able to be challenged by the unfolding future.

The achievement of this vital balance also requires growth in faculty participation, an expansion of academic freedom, the freedom of speech, and the cultivation of civility and academic responsibility. Instead of slogans, the relentless pursuit of knowledge must proceed. Instead of a call to a single, all-embracing but limited solution, a plurality of ideas and dreams must flourish. I challenge the faculty to assist in establishing a vital balance for Auburn University, a vital balance which recognizes that a university is a confederation of many scholarly communities.

I am committed to building a university which is more open, more challenging and more just. Growing faculty participation is not only inevitable, it is necessary. Sensitivity to the well being of faculty and staff will remain central as we endeavor to become a center of excellence.

The faculty and administration of Auburn University can do much to establish a vital balance. But there are others. Enthusiastic, trustful and challenging students are a must. A conscientious and supportive staff is essential. Supportive alumni and friends are necessary. And an accepting citizenry is imperative. These too, however, must be in a vital balance. The enthusiasm of the moment cannot be left to be the final word on intellectual integrity. While these concerns cannot be ignored, they too must be kept in a vital balance. I am committed to that end. Together, through the immense diversity found within the University and outside of it, a vital balance can be struck, indeed will be struck.

We appreciate the efforts of the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends of Auburn to resolve our problems. I pledge to work sincerely and diligently in behalf of this University and I am confident we can expect a brighter tomorrow.



GREATER MONTGOMERY AREA—President Hanly Funderburk and Montgomery County Chairman Bobby Lowder show off a check indicating that gifts for the Greater Montgomery Area Campaign for the Auburn Generations Fund have reached \$3 million. The Montgomery Area includes Montgomery, Lowndes, and Dallas Counties. The groups in Lowndes and Dallas Counties are chaired by James Wible and Catesby ap C. Jones.

Tankersley Receives Honorary Doctorate

George Jackson Tankersley '43 received the honorary Doctor of Science from Auburn on December 9. He is chairman of the board and president of Consolidated Natural Gas Co., headquartered in Pittsburgh. His honorary degree recognizes his many achievements including his "uncommon interest in higher education," which has included serving on the Ohio Board of Regents as well as his current service as a trustee of the University of Pittsburgh, a member of the board of the Auburn University Foundation, and co-chairmanship of the Auburn Generations Fund.

"Mr. Tankersley's life and career manifest the highest dedication and service to the basic values on which this nation was founded," said Auburn President H. Hanly Funderburk '53 in awarding the degree.

As an aeronautical engineering student at Auburn, Mr. Tankersley was president of the Engineers Council and a member of several engineering honoraries. He spent 1947-49 on the mechanical engineering staff. Mr. Tankersley is married to Mary Armstrong, who also attended Auburn, and they have two children: Mrs. H. Clark Harvey, Jr., of Cleveland, Ohio, and G. Jackson, Jr., of Denver.

Mr. Tankersley joined the Consolidated Gas System in 1966 as president of East Ohio Gas, later becoming chairman and president of the natural gas system which serves six percent of the nation's gas customers. He also serves on the boards of B.F. Goodrich, Midland-Rose Corp., Pittsburgh National Bank, and Pittsburgh National Corp.

He is past chairman of the American

Gas Association and a member of its board as well as that of the Gas Research Institute. He is director of the Pittsburgh Symphony Society and the Duquesne Club and a member of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development.

Wadsworths Add Drawing to AU Art Collection

Alumni Art Collectors Noel and Kathy Wadsworth of Atlanta have made their fourth contribution to the Auburn Permanent Art Collection. The most recent gift is a framed ink wash drawing by Reginald Marsh. The drawing was done in the 1940s, according to Mark Price, curator of the Auburn Permanent Collection, and "depicts a crowd scene on a New York City sidewalk." Prof. Price describes the artist as "unquestionably one of the finest American artists of the Twentieth Century."

The majority of the Auburn art works come from a State Department Collection made up of contemporary American art following World War II, and the newest gift of the Wadsworths fits well "within the historical scope of our major art holdings," according to Prof. Price.

The Wadsworths, who both graduated from Auburn in 1960, have a strong interest in art at Auburn. Their first gift to Auburn was a French Impressionist oil painting by Edmund Petitjean entitled, "The Shellgatherers." Last year they presented Auburn with its second work by Ben Shahn, an untitled oil, as well as a 1939 gouache by Lewandouski.

History Senior Wins Rotary Scholarship

Jonathon Doyle of Auburn, a member of the original Honors Program class at Auburn, has received a graduate scholarship from The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International for the 1983-84 academic year. During the year abroad provided by the scholarship, he will study German literature at Albert-Ludwig University in Freiburg, West Germany.

Jonathon is a senior in history at Auburn and a founding member of the Congress of Honors Program Students. He is active in the AU Choir and the local chapter of Farm House Fraternity. After completing the year in Germany, Jonathon plans to enter law school.

The Rotary Foundation Scholarships, which pay all expenses for a year of graduate study abroad, are supported by the 19,700 Rotary clubs in 157 countries. The objective of the scholarships is to further international understanding.

AU Students Named To Who's Who

Auburn students to be listed in the 1983 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities include football player Mark Dorminey, *Plainsman* editor Tim Dorsey, and Auburn's first Aubie Barry Mask as well as a number of student government and fraternity leaders. Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory selected the students on the basis of academic achievements, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and future potential.

The Auburn students are: Mary Stone Allen of Roswell, Ga.; E. Dell Barker of Warner Robins, Ga.; David H. Bean of Dallas, Texas; Regina T. Bradford of Gadsden; Cheryl Lynn Brown of Andalusia; James D. Carpenter of Tuscaloosa; Martha Ann Charlton of Homewood; John H. Classe of Orlando, Fla.; Dennis L. Collier of Florence; Robert Marty Conry of Birmingham; Constance L. Delaney of Orlando, Fla.; Michael D. Dobbs of Mobile; Mark D. Dorminey of Hialeah, Fla.; Timothy A. Dorsey of Bedford, N.H.; Richard C. Froehbrodt of Tucker, Ga.; Amy E. Gaddis of Laurel, Miss.; Vanessa E. Gilbert of Dothan.

Catherine T. Gorman of Huntsville; Allison C. Hamill of Panama City, Fla.; John W. Hargrove of Madison; Alyce M. Heggeman of Mobile; Ronna K. Hickman of Birmingham; John G. Hughes of Birmingham; George M. Jones of Montgomery; Dieadre Monique Key of Auburn; Clayton A. King of Birmingham; Jill A. Lawhead of Mobile; Suzanne E. Lawrence of Birmingham; Hector E. Llorens of Pahokee, Fla.; Joy Loard of Montgomery; Karen D. Lovoy of Tuscaloosa; David D. Mann of Manchester, Ga.; Elbert Ronald

Martin of Montgomery; Charles Barry Mask of Wetumpka; Stanton H. McDonald of Huntsville; Kimberly Overstreet of Hendersonville, Tenn.; Jani D. Pipes of Birmingham; Jeri G. Pipes of Birmingham; Amy Propst of Atlanta; Paul M. Roberts of Atlanta; Maria Rogers of Moultrie, Ga.; Claire Rohs of Marietta, Ga.; Todd S. Rubley of Davenport, Iowa; Thomas G. Shovelton of Huntsville; Edward L. South of Opelika; Jeffrey W. Thomas of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; Laura M. Wehrum of Memphis, Tenn.; Nancy Wingo of Homewood; Mark D. Wood of Andalusia; and Steven C. Wood of Ft. Worth, Texas.

Also cited are four students who were listed in the 1982 Who's Who. They are Clay E. Brown of Tucker, Ga.; William G. Godwin of Montgomery; James Russell Kendrick of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; and John Reagan Moore of Birmingham.

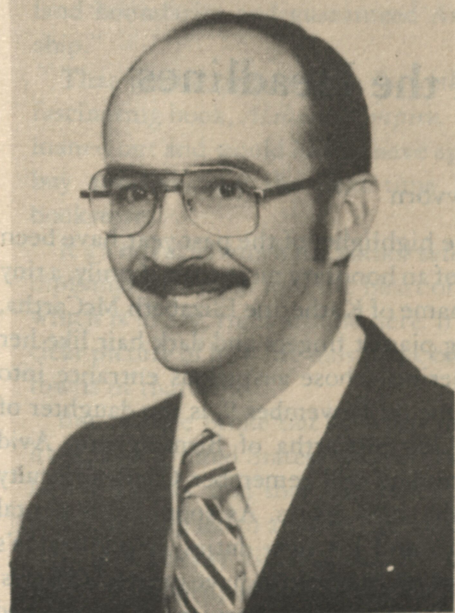
Cox Named Third Lowder Prof

James F. Cox, associate professor of management, has been named a Lowder Professor in the Auburn University School of Business, according to an announcement by President Hanly Funderburk. This is the third professorship in the School of Business to be funded in honor of Edward L. Lowder, Auburn alumnus and Montgomery businessman, by his sons Robert, James and Thomas.

Funding for the professorships provides salary supplements to existing faculty salaries and finances research and travel to conventions and seminars. The professorships are in effect for five years.

Dr. Cox has been on the faculty since 1975 and holds the bachelor's, master's, and Ph.D. degrees from Clemson University. In addition to his teaching duties at both the undergraduate and graduate level, he serves as a consultant to South Central Bell Telephone in their materials and distribution areas.

Dr. Cox serves as chairman of the Quantitative Methods Committee in the School of Business and chairman of the Industrial Management Committee in the Department of Management. He is co-advisor to the student affiliated American Production and Inventory Control Society (APICS) chapter.



James F. Cox

The author or co-author of some 18 journal articles and 10 proceedings or paper presentations, Dr. Cox's areas of interest include production/operations management and inventory management.

He is a member of the Institute of Management Sciences, American Institute of Decision Sciences, APICS, Chattahoochee Valley APICS, in which he served as vice president, education, in 1980-81, president elect, 1981-82, and president, 1982-83. He serves as director of academic relations for the Region IV APICS staff, and is a member of the Southern Management Association.

Alumni To Travel To Switzerland Denmark, Hawaii

The Auburn Alumni Association is happy to announce the 1983 travel programs which we have planned for alumni and friends.

The first trip, The Fjord Passage, will depart Atlanta, Ga., on June 20, 1983, via Delta Airlines. The tour begins in Copenhagen, Denmark, and ends in Bergen, Norway. You will enjoy four nights in Copenhagen and then cruise the fjords for eight days aboard the modern "MTS Argonaut." Your trip will be completed with two nights in Bergen. Reservation deadline is April 20, 1983. (\$3,385-\$4,385, per person, double occupancy)

The second trip, The Romantic Passage, will depart Atlanta on July 7, 1983, with a direct flight to Zurich, Switzerland. The tour begins in Zurich where you spend three nights at the deluxe Hotel Zurich. You will travel by private motorcoach on Rhine Falls, Lake Titisee, and the Black Forest. After three days of sight-seeing, you will board the "M. S. Kroes" for a five-night cruise on the magnificent Neckar River. Reservation deadline is May 17, 1983. (\$2,325 per person, double occupancy)

The third trip takes us back to Hawaii and Maui. This trip will depart from Atlanta on August 26, 1983, traveling to Honolulu via United Airlines. You will enjoy 5 nights at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel. Your trip will continue on to beautiful Maui where you will have superior hotel accommodations in Kaanapali Beach, Maui. Reservation deadline is June 15, 1983. (\$1,399 per person, double occupancy)

Additional information on any of the trips may be obtained by calling Pat Brackin in the Alumni Office, (205) 826-4234.

\$300,000 Establishes Ag Scholarships

A gift of \$300,000 has been presented to the Auburn Generations Fund by the Alabama Farm Bureau Federation to establish scholarships for students from rural Alabama who enroll in the School of Agriculture, Biological Sciences and Forestry.

In announcing the gift, Farm Bureau President Gordon Myrick said, "The Farm Bureau recognizes the importance of education to our young people as they develop their talents for the future. It is our hope



TWENTY-FIVE YEARS—Recently recognized for a quarter-century of work at Auburn were members of the staff of the Auburn School of Agriculture and Agricultural Experiment Station pictured above. From left, standing, Dr. Wiley Johnson, Agronomy and Soils; Willis Martin, Horticulture; Jack Turner, Horticulture; Dr. Troy Patterson, Animal and Dairy Sciences; E. L. McGraw, research information. Seated, Dr. Kirby Hays, Zoology-Entomology; Faye Lawrence, Zoology-Entomology; and Dr. Sam Lyle, Forestry.

that these scholarships will make it possible for highly-deserving young men and women from rural Alabama to attend Auburn and then take their place as leaders throughout our state."

Auburn President Hanly Funderburk said the gift will "be invested and will become the basis of a scholarship program which will embellish the lives of many students over the years."

Musical Theatre For Youth Starts This Summer

High school students in grades 9 through 12 will have an opportunity this summer to participate in a new program in musical theatre for youth. At the same time teachers who are interested in musical production can get training and experience. This program, sponsored by the Auburn University Office of Continuing Education and the Department of Music Education and Theatre, is designed to bring together talented young people to learn about musical theatre in a professional setting. Students will work with nationally-recognized teachers in music, theatre and dance. All activities will take place on the Auburn campus in the newest and most modern collegiate theatre and music facilities in the Southeast.

A comprehensive study of the elements of musical theatre will be covered in production workshop sessions. Topics will include acting, singing, dancing, and technical theatre. The skills and knowledge developed in the workshops will be directly applied as the students participate in the production and performance of Rogers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!"

In addition to the training experience, students will have realistic exposure to the career options available in theatre, musical performance, and education. Further, they have a sample of university campus life at Auburn.

A daily schedule of production activities and rehearsals typically will be from 9 to 12 in the morning, from 1 to 4 in the afternoon, and from 7 to 10 in the evening. Weekend schedules will be altered to allow time for social and recreational activities and church attendance.

The Summer Youth Musical Theatre Camp is a residential program lasting three weeks, June 19th through July 10th. Students will live in the air-conditioned residence halls of the university. Adult supervisors and university student counselors will live in the residence halls with the students as supervisors.

Concurrent with the Youth Musical Theatre, an intensive graduate study program is available for teachers who are interested in the production of musical theatre in school, community, and other settings. The graduate workshop will focus on the problems of organizing and teaching musical theatre so that individual talents can be developed to their fullest and so that each production can achieve the highest possible level of artistic success. In addition, the graduate students will participate in various workshops with the high school students.

Enrollment for the Youth Musical Theatre Camp is limited to forty students. Individuals wishing to participate should submit an application and letters of recommendation from teachers, directors, or other individuals qualified to evaluate the person's talents. Experience in singing, acting, dancing or other theatrical activities would be helpful, but not required.

Fees for the entire three-week camp are \$575 which cover housing, food and tuition. For commuting students, the tuition is \$225.

Applications for the Summer Youth Musical Theatre Camp can be obtained by writing Missy Kuykendall, Coordinator, 100 Mell Hall, Auburn University, AL 36849. The application deadline is April 15th. Teachers who are interested in the program should be enrolled in graduate school.

Points & Views

Here and There—

Two Delightful Books

By Jerry Roden, Jr. '46

Among other blessings, the holidays brought me two delightful books: Viola Goode Liddell's *With a Southern Accent* and Mortimer J. Adler's *The Paideia Proposal*. Each of these works renewed my faith in the biblical affirmation that God created man in his own image, and hence I recommend them both for the bookshelves of every Auburn alumnus.

With a Southern Accent is not a new book: It first appeared in 1948 as a publication of the University of Oklahoma Press and won national acclaim, but received inadequate attention in Alabama, the state of its origin. Time passed and it disappeared from the view of the general public.

However, Mrs. Liddell had wrought far too well for *With a Southern Accent* simply to vanish into the fields and forests without a trace. People, and now especially Alabamians, kept discovering it in libraries and occasionally in the home of a friend. And they immediately began seeking—usually to no avail—their own personal copy.

I began the quest for such a copy about twenty years ago, and sometime soon thereafter my friend and Mrs. Liddell's elder son, Oxford Stroud, promised to secure me one as soon as possible. Last fall the University of Alabama Press issued the first paperback edition of *With a Southern Accent* and enabled Oxford to fulfill his long-delayed promise just in time to brighten my holidays.

With a Southern Accent consists of the memoirs of a beautiful and talented resident of Camden, Alabama, and chronicles the founding and development of her family from a century ago through the first quarter of this century. It has all the unity and power of a first-rate novel, so much so that first-time readers will want to set aside a few hours to read it from cover to cover.

After the first perusal, readers should keep *With a Southern Accent* lying about in some obvious place for odd-moment reading. For Mrs. Liddell wrote with such humor, compassion, and vitality that you can open her book at random and refresh yourself with some delightful episode, unforgettable character, or amusing anecdote at virtually any point you choose to begin.

Mortimer J. Adler's *The Paideia Proposal* is a new book, which was published for the first time in 1982 by the MacMillan Publishing Company of New York. It achieved national recognition immediately, but for some unknown reason failed to impress the booksellers of East Alabama—I have had a copy on order for months and haven't received it yet.

However, my daughter Inez Roden Boyle found it in a Nashville bookstore and tossed it in as an extra with her Christmas present to Dad. For several hours, I forgot about all those other nice gifts to pore over Mortimer Adler's brilliant educational manifesto.



WIND QUINTET—The Auburn University Quintet, recently reorganized, has begun a busy schedule of performing and giving clinics for high schools and junior colleges. The members of the quintet, who are all faculty in the Music Department, are from left, Amy Hamilton, flute, who was principal flutist of the Civic Orchestra of Chicago prior to joining the Auburn faculty; Laurence Morgan, oboe, former chairman of the woodwind, brass, and percussion department at the University of Alabama who has played with the Birmingham Symphony and the Alabama Pops Orchestra; William Beasley, bassoon, principal bassoonist with the Montgomery Symphony and the Auburn University Symphony; Randall Faust, horn, a composer, who is editor of *Horn Call* magazine and a member of the Columbus Symphony; and Robert Greenleaf, clarinet, teacher of clarinet, music history, and chamber music as well as a frequent performer of chamber music throughout Alabama.

The Paideia Proposal represents nothing less than a specific extension of *The Declaration of Independence* into the arena of public education. It calls for a full-scale revolution in public schools and for total dedication to excellence. It is the work a genius who can take all the significant insights of great educators over the past decades and centuries and compress them into an eighty-four page practical plan for the immediate future.

In the simplest terms, Mr. Adler and his Paideia associates propose a twelve-year single-track education in the basics of language, mathematics, science, history, social studies, and the arts for all our children. They propose a basic education that will prepare our children to continue learning the remainder of

their lives—an education that will make the students happier and more productive adults and better, more active citizens.

If the Paideia Proposal had been in effect in 1936, I daresay that *With a Southern Accent* would have reached the bookshelves of every Alabama home before the end of 1948, that its sequel *A Place of Springs* would have attained similar success, and that the name Viola Goode Liddell would now be as familiar to Alabamians as that of George Corley Wallace. And if that were true, I have no doubt that we would enjoy a measure of human reconciliation and contentment that we can now envision but dimly.

Behind the Headlines

By Kaye Lovvorn

Among the highlights of the past year have been the addition of an honorary niece to my family, a tiny miss by the name of Katherine Elizabeth McCarthy, who has long pianist fingers and dark hair like her father. Katherine, whose auspicious entrance into the world came on November 9, is the daughter of Charles and Ida McCarthy of Birmingham. Avid *Alumnews* readers will remember Charles' faculty features in the 1980 issues. As soon as his dental school studies and his new duties as Katherine's father will permit, we hope to have more of Charles writing in our pages as he interviews distinguished alumni in the Birmingham area.

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An Afternoon At Horseshoe Bend

By Bob Sanders '52

I know how it is. Sometimes something good can be so close and available that you look right over it without seeing it. It's that way all the time in Auburn.

There are so many outstanding, nationally known speakers, musical groups, theatrical groups, sport teams, etc., the appearance of any of which would constitute the major event of a decade in most communities, that you—I—just don't bother to see a lot of them.

Ho-hum, there'll be another equally noteworthy appearance next week. We are spoiled by a surfeit of cultural and/or entertainment bonanzas.

It's that way with historical things, too. The area abounds with sites that are steeped in history, many of them free for the looking.

Take Horseshoe Bend, for example.

My goodness, it's just a little piece up the road, just past Dadeville, a mere trifle of a trip, even in these gasoline-conscious times. It makes a perfect Sunday afternoon drive.

We went the other afternoon. I had been a couple of times before, once even when all that was there was this small monument stuck way out yonder in the woods. Now there's a charming little museum, nothing fancy, but with some artifacts of the Creek Nation period, and many pictures, diagrams, documents, maps, dioramas, etc., that explain the significance of The Battle of Horseshoe Bend.

The youngun had been before, but it had been so long ago he couldn't remember it. This time he enjoyed it. Of course, he wanted to tear out down the nature trail on foot, but after noticing the little sign that says the trail is two and a half miles long, we managed, barely, to dissuade him from that jaunt.

Instead, we simply took the car tour, which loops around the battle area, with stops here and there at significant locations.

To tell the honest truth—confession is good for the soul—till fairly recently I hadn't fully comprehended just what the battle was all about. This time, the main points, I think, finally penetrated my protective density. They have plenty of little pamphlets, along with the aforementioned diagrams, etc., to help in the understanding of the situation at the time.

"After the American Revolution, the [Creeks] opened relations with the United States and in 1790 signed the Treaty of New York which defined Creek land boundaries and guaranteed American friendship."

That period, incidentally, is well described in a fascinating book, *Alabama Empire*, which I had but loaned out and would like to have again. I 'spect I'll buy another copy the next time I see it at the bookstore.

It's a novel in which the author sends his hero on a diplomatic mission into the heart of Creek country, which is to say, right around here. It paints a pretty clear picture of how life must have been in the Creek towns of that time.

But trouble broke out between the Upper (militant, anti-United States) Creeks and the friendlier Lower Creeks, and they yah-yahed back and forth and one thing led to another until the Upper Creeks (the Red Sticks) killed about 500 settlers at Fort Mims, just north of Mobile.

Times and communications and transportation being what they were, it took a spell for American



On Parade — The Band at Disneyland

response to get organized, but finally Andrew Jackson got a full scale campaign underway. Meanwhile, Red Stick warriors gathered at Horseshoe Bend, inside the bend, in the village of Tohopeka. They built a wooden barricade across the neck of the peninsula formed by the bend of the river and waited.

The river is pretty wide and pretty deep all around the peninsula—and it was up some, and muddy, the day we were there.

The points of interest are all well marked and explained: the site of the village—a pretty place for a village; Gun Mill, where Jackson's "battery"—one little cannon that shot six pound balls and one that shot three pounders—tried to tear down the wooden barricades—and failed (The range was short. With a good round gravel I could throw that far.); and other strategic locations.

And there are some replicas of the dugout canoes the Americans' Cherokee allies used to cross the river and attack the Creeks from the backside. Personally, I'd be afraid to cross Yellow Creek in one of the narrow little things, much less the Tallapoosa River, but "in which craft a number of them embarked, and landed in the bend with the enemy..." The Cherokee were obviously much narrower-hipped than some people—female types, especially—I could name, but won't.

Anyway, almost a thousand Red Sticks were finally killed in the battle, and the back of the Creek power was broken.

It's a nice little tour. Somebody had written in the "comments" column of the museum guest book, "Need rides and games for the children." Lord, may that never come to pass. The place is, thank goodness, about as unlike Six Flags or Disneyworld as possible. May it stay that way.

Incidentally, if any one person or group of persons could be specifically blamed for allowing the magnificent covered bridge (which parallels the present modern bridge there just below the bend) to completely rot and disappear (or was it burned?), I'd be in favor of a hanging sentence.

The Editor's Column—

A Chance to Start Over

I frequently need the opportunity to start afresh so I always welcome any excuse for doing so—the start of the school year in the fall, January 1, the anniversary of *The Alumnews*' first printing in February, etc.

But one of the best things about starting afresh is that you tidy up the leftovers, whatever they may be. In my case it's usually an item left undone that has begun to nag at me in the early morning.

Such an item is the picture of Steve, Nancy, and John Isbell on page 17. When Dr. Charles Isbell '17 of Auburn mentioned that among his many alumni relatives were a trio in one family who had all made Phi Kappa Phi, I agreed that such a record is unusual. It is also unusual that all three have gone into medicine. Of course I wanted a picture for *The Alumnews*, and a few months later when the Isbell children finally made it home to Fort Payne on the same weekend, Dr. John Isbell '54 got the picture of his three children and sent it off to Dr. Isbell in Auburn who duly brought it over to me. I put the picture up carefully, so that it wouldn't be lost in the hassle of getting the current issue to press.

But I put the picture up so carefully that I couldn't find it for the next issue. Months went by. I still hadn't found it. Dr. Isbell asked me about it. I looked for it. Months went by. I started waking up in the middle of the night with a panicked feeling. Months went by.

During the Christmas holidays when Sam and Mary Ellen had gone off the Tangerine Bowl and Anita off to Fort Payne (by this time I'd started feeling guilty just looking at Anita—she's from the same town as the Isbells) and it was just me in the office for several days, I determined I'd find that picture if I had to take the office apart piece of paper by piece of paper. I almost did—but I found the picture. And in the process of I learned another way the Isbells like their father—all three are active members of the Alumni Association. —K L

Letters

Open Letter to Alumni From Faculty Officers

The recent months have been a time of genuine distress for all who love Auburn University. The difficulties that have developed within our community have become a concern, not only among our immediate constituencies, but throughout American higher education. Auburn has received national notoriety as a deeply troubled institution.

Unfortunately, varying interpretations of the story of Auburn's crisis have served to set at odds people who should be joining hands in the search for a solution to our problems. In particular, we are concerned with the way in which many alumni of Auburn have been led to believe that we as a faculty have been responsible for the turmoil. This interpretation, which seems to have been disseminated both intentionally and by inadvertence, is as unfair as it is irresponsible.

At its meeting on January 11, the University Senate directed its officers to send this open letter to you, the Auburn Alumni, in an effort to assure you of our intense concern for the welfare of this institution and of our willingness to be directly responsive to you and your questions. If you are worried or disturbed by the actions of the Auburn faculty, we suggest that you contact a faculty member whom you respect and request that person to give you his or her interpretation of recent developments.

The University Senate has openly expressed its serious reservations concerning the recent decision by the Board of Trustees to establish a systems presidency for Auburn with chancellors in direct control of this campus (AUA) and Auburn in Montgomery (AUM). It is our feeling that this "systems" superstructure is artificial, unnecessary and potentially very expensive; and many faculty members seriously doubt its efficacy as a final solution. However, we affirm to you our intention to continue to do the best possible job of teaching and research, even in these times of difficulty, and to work with you and all others who care for Auburn in the continuing effort to make it a leader in higher education in our region and the nation.

Sincerely yours,

Gordon C. Bond, for the
Executive Officers of the
General Faculty

Auburn Win Causes Outbreak of Verse

I have a good friend who is a devout Alabama fan and a strong supporter of Bear Bryant. At a recent holiday gathering a gag gift was needed for presentation to this person. I purchased a small towel, imprinted with the University of Alabama insignia along with the words, Crimson

Tide, and wrote the following poem to accompany this gift:

TO AN ALABAMA FAN

To an Alabama fan who
we think is so fine
We give this "crying towel"
to be used a long, long time.

Though your tears may be
as big as elephant toes
This towel will dry all your
tears and even wipe your nose.

We know your past season
has not been the best
But this durable little towel
can stand the test.

According to the TV and
the announcement made there
The end has come
for the era of the BEAR.

We admit he is a great
football coach
And all we have said
are just little jokes.

So with this we wish
a Merry Christmas to you
And say,
"Do you remember 23-22?"

Needless to say, the Auburn people present for this party loved it so I thought I would share it with you. If possible, would you publish this letter in *The Auburn Alumnews*?

War Eagle!

Robert N. Tidwell, Sr. '56
School of Pharmacy

Generations Fund Started in 1978

Recently, various farm organizations in Alabama have pointed to the apparent success of Auburn University's Generations Fund as an outstanding example of President Funderburk's administrative ability. Some alumni groups even appear to assume that because Dr. Funderburk presided at a dinner meeting in the fall of 1981, at which the Generations Fund drive was first publicly announced, that the Fund was therefore his idea originally, and that it is he who is solely responsible for bringing in the millions of dollars now being pledged by Auburn alumni. While no one would wish to denigrate whatever administrative talents Dr. Funderburk may possess, these assumptions are at best somewhat misleading. Certain facts about the origin of the Generations Fund idea and the initial impetus given to its development need to be clarified.

To begin with, the idea for a Generations Fund was proposed by Mr. George

(Buck) Bradberry, the Director of Auburn's Development Program, and it was first presented by him to Dr. Philpott in 1978—almost five years ago. Mr. Bradberry's idea was to launch a campaign for an unprecedented sum for Auburn University at that time, and to hire a professional fund-raising company to organize, implement, and supervise the entire campaign for these funds. Many large universities, especially those in the East, had long since used such professional fund raisers in this manner with great success.

In 1978 and 1979 Mr. Bradberry and President Philpott spread this idea before numerous leadership groups, exploring the possibilities for carrying out such a large campaign. The Board of Directors of the Auburn University Foundation and the University's Board of Trustees approved the plan and agreed to hire a professional fund-raising organization. In 1979, the last year of Dr. Philpott's administration, John Gensenbach and Associates of Chicago was engaged. This firm is still actively involved in the 61.7 million dollar campaign.

From 1979 to 1981 the Gensenbach Company, under the sponsorship of the Auburn University Foundation, put together the structure for the Generations Fund campaign. The Foundation supervised every phase of that developing structure, down to the minutest detail. Today, Auburn's Generations Fund has passed its halfway mark ahead of schedule, with some \$35,000,000 already pledged. Thus, whatever stimulus Dr. Funderburk's presence has added—or may continue to add—to this drive, most of the success of the campaign is due to the careful planning and the hard work over the past five years which transformed Mr. Bradberry's original idea into a genuine reality.

It should be comforting to ardent Auburn alumni everywhere to know that whoever may serve as President of their institution in the future, the seeds of their generosity to Alma Mater will continue to bear abundant fruit.

Sincerely yours,

Alva Current-Garcia
Associate Professor Emerita
Auburn University

From Perspective of 22 & 25 Years At Auburn

To the Editor:

The signers of this letter are two of several hundred faculty members of Auburn University who have twice voted "no confidence" in President Hanly Funderburk. We are not newcomers: one of us is in his twenty-fifth year as a member of the Auburn faculty; the other is in her twenty-second year. We were not leading sit-ins in

the '60s and '70s; we were trying to raise four children to be responsible Christian citizens. We are not strangers to the Land-Grant tradition: one of us earned two of his three degrees at Land-Grant universities; the other received all three degrees from Land-Grant schools. We do not teach subjects outside the Land-Grant tradition: one of us is a Professor of Chemistry; the other is an Associate Professor of Physics—two subjects required by almost every curriculum in agriculture and engineering. Why do faculty members like us think Auburn needs a different president?

When we came to Auburn in 1957, we understood that Alabama Polytechnic Institute was ready to take the step already taken by distinguished Land-Grant institutions in two-university states, notably, for example, Purdue, where we received our doctorates. This was the step from the agricultural and mechanical college to the true university, strong in the liberal arts and sciences as well as in their applied branches. We have not always agreed with the previous presidents and vice presidents with whom we have worked, and sometimes we have told them so, but we never doubted their commitment to the ideal of a University, however limited the funds and facilities with which we had to work.

It is true that much of what the faculty has against President Funderburk is stated in terms of perceptions. Above all, we do not perceive him to understand what a university is, or is supposed to be. While these perceptions are difficult to put in concrete terms or to establish by hard evidence, they bear critically on the functioning of a university. Faculty members, on the whole, perceive themselves as members of a community of scholars, each working more or less independently in his or her own field, but with a set of common goals that include the transmission of knowledge and a cultural tradition and the discovery of new information and relationships, whether of fundamental nature or for immediate application. We, however, perceive Dr. Funderburk's view of us as assembly line workers producing student credit hours. To him, and to some of his alumni supporters, we are employees with no "say" in the management of the "plant." To ourselves we are independent scholars with not only the right but the obligation to create a community in which we can function optimally as teachers and researchers.

A number of the alumni who have spoken up for Dr. Funderburk in recent months appear to think of Auburn as it once was—the Alabama Polytechnic Institute—and to wish to go back to the days when agriculture and the mechanical arts dominated the school. But since 1960, the institution to which we belong has been Auburn University, an institution aiming at excellence in the humanities and arts and the basic human, biological, and physical sciences as well as in the practical and professional fields of agriculture, architecture, business, education, engineering, home economics, nursing, pharmacy, and veterinary medicine.

The agriculture curricula that still had a substantial enrollment in the 1940s and '50s have attracted a decreasing proportion of Auburn students in each succeeding decade. The career possibilities for most students today lie in business and engineering rather than in the traditional agriculture fields. Whatever their career, today's students need the broad knowledge of the world that the basic liberal arts and sciences curriculum provides. Auburn University, by 1980, had made great strides toward offering an excellent education in all these areas. Now we see the progress in which we have invested nearly a quarter of a century of each of our lives eroding away.

Auburn and its faculty have felt financial pinches before. We rode them out because we all—faculty and administration—believed in the value of our calling. Now, because the faculty and the administration do not have common values and goals, financial problems just add to our discouragement and weaken our already faltering morale.

The Board of Trustees cannot be expected to turn the economy around and provide instant cash for all needs and wants. But surely they can look to the future instead of the past and find a president with vision for the Auburn University of today and tomorrow.

Curtis H. Ward
Professor of Chemistry

Charlotte R. Ward
Associate Professor
of Physics

University Dying And Most Unaware

TO: The Alumni of Auburn University

Auburn University is in great trauma and this weighs heavily on my heart. She is dying and so few seem to understand what is happening.

I come from an Auburn family. My Uncle Charlie was an All-Southern end on Coach Mike Donahue's 1913 football team and when my Uncle Dick was manager of the Auburn baseball team, my grandfather would meet the Auburn team at the Terminal Station with the feed truck, take them all home for lunch, and then deliver them to the baseball field at Birmingham-Southern or Howard College. I grew up listening to War Eagle stories. I suffered greatly from the 0-55 football defeat by Alabama in 1948 and celebrated after the famous 14-13 victory. My childhood sweetheart turned down a partial football scholarship to Ole Miss to try and walk-on at Auburn, partly because he knew how much I loved Auburn. As a child I lived in a protected world of orange and blue and it was a shock to discover that some folks supported red elephants.

Somewhere along the way I learned that universities thrive from monies voted by state legislators (who usually were lawyers) from budgets submitted to them by governors (who usually were graduates of that other place on the banks of the Warrior). I remember Auburn people saying that all we needed was an Auburn governor

and we could equalize things. And finally we got one—Gordon Persons. Just as soon as he was inaugurated in January 1951, a group of concerned alumni went to see him, and then they all went up to see 'fessor Draughon (who was then President Draughon). They told him that they wanted Coach Earl Brown fired because he didn't win any football games in 1950, and Dr. Draughon said that he didn't cotton to firing people under pressure, and then the governor replied that in that case he would be having two vacant jobs to fill at Auburn. Brown was fired, Ralph Jordan hired, and a new era began for Alabama Polytechnic Institute—not only in athletics but also in academics because Persons insisted that Auburn's state appropriations be increased to a more equitable portion of the pie.

I entered A.P.I. in 1953 because it was Auburn and I did not have the foggiest idea about majors or minors (I thought that meant baseball) or schools (that's what I had just graduated from). I didn't know where I was going or what I wanted to be and I certainly didn't have any notion that I had a responsibility to make this world a better place for my passing through it. I soon had a Rat Cap, a pledge pin, and a childhood sweetheart with an Auburn football scholarship. Life was wonderful! I suppose for a week or so I forgot why I was really there. When classes finally started (after Rush, after the first football game), I learned very quickly that it was a new world. The professors were brilliant human beings who knew their subjects, learned men and women who pushed me and challenged me. They forced me to reason, to think, to read but not to believe everything that was printed between two covers. They taught me to seek truth and find answers, to listen and to question, and to cherish freedom, democracy, American liberty and justice. They made certain that I learned my way around that small building on the corner of Mell Street where I could probably (if I was lucky) find the answer to my question and if the answer was not there then I could always order the book on inter-library loan from the University of Alabama (or Duke or Emory or UNC). The professors called on me in class, scared the hell out of me, wrote nasty comments on my papers, and covered my quizzes with red marks. In the process they made a serious student out of me and showed me a new value system based upon academic excellence and learning as a life-long responsibility and a way of life. In those days A.P.I. was only an "institute," a "cow college" and not a true university, but fortunately no one bothered to tell the faculty that and they taught like it was Harvard or Yale—albeit with great handicaps in laboratories and library. Despite all these problems, the Auburn faculty managed to turn out some pretty good scholars, farmers, engineers, bankers, teachers, architects, artists, botanists, pharmacists, vets, home demonstration agents, and businessmen. They even prepared a few students for fancy graduate schools like Princeton, L.S.U. and Purdue, for medical schools like Harvard and law schools like Virginia.

Back in those A.P.I. days there was no basic university required core curriculum and most of us left without as much of the humanities as we needed, or as broad an education as we could have used. Unfortunately some graduates of A.P.I. and some of Auburn University left without knowing anything about the inter-workings of a

university or understanding the role of academic faculty in a university community. I make these judgments based upon the conversations I have had over the past few months with Auburn alumni, friends, relatives, neighbors, and associates. For these sins of omission I am willing to take my lumps along with the rest of the Auburn faculty for between 1958 and 1971 I personally taught over 7,000 Auburn students in history and political science courses.

The Auburn University faculty has been publicly accused of being liberal, absurd, rebellious laborers. These vehement attacks are an excellent example of Alabama's anti-intellectual bias which unfortunately has a long and healthy history. I understand this phenomenon well. Hardly a breakfast passed that my daddy did not condemn (from his Southern tenant-farmer, ore-miner heritage) Yankees, Harvard professors, intellectuals, the federal government, labor unions, liberals, socialists, and left-wingers. For all his love of books, for all his study of law, for all his respect for the liberal principles of Jeffersonian Democracy, his horizon was never broad enough to realize that there was more than one acceptable way to skin a cat or that "liberal" might mean something more profound than a New Deal Democrat or a northern integrationist.

Some Auburn alumni have publicly told the Auburn faculty that they were "hired to teach" and have no responsibility in university governance, although the western university tradition began in the Middle Ages with only teachers and students. An administrative structure was needed as universities grew more complex, but the faculty continued to make administrative decisions through faculty meetings, committees, and councils.

Some alumni have charged that faculty members do not "work a forty-hour week"; but those alumni do not consider reading books, writing papers, grading exams, and researching "work," although a normal faculty week involves sixty-plus hours. Faculty have been condemned for not working for a profit-making organization. Certainly this is correct if you are referring to dollars and cents, for the profits of the faculty will only be found in the inquiring minds of the young people they teach and in the future accomplishments of their students and their students' contributions to mankind. Such a profit cannot be measured, is hard to evaluate, and has been likened to sowing corn and not sticking around to see how much the acre yields.

Some Auburn alumni have labeled the conflict a simple "labor-management" dispute. Labor must labor and never interfere with the decisions and directions of management. The faculty has been told to "pick cotton and keep your mouth shut," to "Love Auburn or Leave It," and to find an alumnus willing to buy you "a one-way ticket out of Auburn." One trustee was quoted as saying that the answer to the crisis was to fire 700 faculty members and one alumnus stated that he was tired of hearing that "the faculty is the university" although I have never heard of a university without a faculty. Perhaps someone in the Athletic Department could be drafted to teach Pharmacology, Microbiology, and Organic Chemistry.

Some Auburn alumni have said that the

president is the chosen leader and that the faculty has a clear obligation to follow his lead. But this faculty perceives that (in their opinion) the present direction of Auburn University leadership is over the cliff and into the abyss and it has never been a grand ole American tradition to follow blindly a leader going in the wrong direction into a fiery furnace. The Auburn University faculty refuses to be silent while the land-grant comprehensive university that Presidents Draughon and Philpott so courageously built over two decades is allowed to slip back into the mold of an agricultural and mechanical school. There is no historical precedent of a land-grant institution moving backwards from a comprehensive university to an A. & M. college. Should Auburn University move in this direction, alumni must understand that the respect of their academic degrees will fall accordingly.

Auburn alumni have been told and many believe that the entire controversy was instigated by members of the University of Alabama faculty who came to the Auburn campus to give revolutionary counsel to the Auburn faculty on how the Tuscaloosa campus rid itself of President David Mathews. In the spring of 1981 Professor Sara Hudson, president of the Auburn University Senate, asked Professor Carl Cecil, former president of the University of Alabama Faculty Senate, to speak to the Auburn Senate on the relative merits of a University Senate (with administrative representation which Auburn has) and a Faculty Senate (with no administrative representation which the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa has). The Auburn University Senate was in the process of redrafting their constitution and some were considering a move toward a Faculty Senate. Professor Cecil came, spoke on the organizational structure, and responded, reluctantly and briefly, to a question from the floor about the Mathews situation. This was on April 14, 1981, when the majority of the faculty supported Dr. Funderburk, with some other percents divided among those that were apprehensive, those in quiet opposition, and those that were unreconciled dissidents. It has been charged that Professor Cecil's position as president of the Alabama Conference of the American Association of University Professors proves that the crisis was begun by the AAUP, yet the president of the Auburn Chapter of the AAUP is understood to be a strong supporter of President Hanly Funderburk.

It is only an unhappy occurrence to have a few faculty dissidents (like Auburn had eighteen months ago), but quite another matter to have 55 percent of the faculty failing to vote confidence in the president's leadership (like Auburn had last February) followed by 75 percent of the faculty voting no confidence and requesting the president's resignation (which happened last November). Campus estimates now suggest that a vote tomorrow would result in over 90 percent of the faculty demanding that Dr. Hanly Funderburk resign. All vice presidents and 80 percent of the deans have judged that he cannot salvage his leadership role and have requested that President Funderburk voluntarily step down for the good of the university.

Most Auburn alumni are still basking in

the glory of 23-22 and have not truly comprehended the meaning of the Bama taunt "Alabama is Perkin' and Auburn is Dye-ing," or the more specific one that is making the rounds here that goes "Bama is Perkin' with Perk and Auburn is Dye-ing with Funderburk." The agricultural block which so zealously attacks the Auburn faculty and so vocally demands a return to the true land-grant tradition of an agricultural and mechanical school rather than a modern land-grant comprehensive university, usually does support a strong athletic program. Yet, they do not understand that football players might wish to be something other than farmers and engineers. According to the 1982 Auburn football brochure, of the sixty-five players listed only five are in engineering and only two are in the School of Agriculture's Department of Forestry. Twenty-five list majors in the School of Arts and Sciences. A strong football program depends upon the appeal of strong academic programs in many areas. Pat Dye must sell his university's academic program along with his own athletic department. Although some high school football players are immaturely dreaming of pro-ball and six-figure salaries, most of them realize that an education is important for survival and good insurance for tomorrow. College athletes must attend class and must maintain grade-point and hours-passed standards that are established by the SEC and the NCAA. They must be taught by academic faculty. Pat Dye has to recruit blue-chip football players who have enough smarts to stay eligible to play. A broad university with quality academic programs is a strong selling-point in recruiting players. There is every indication that present national academic standards for student athletes will soon be raised, thus increasing the need for the appeal of strong academic programs. Excellent academic programs are created and sustained by a dynamic and brilliant faculty. Auburn University can function without a president, without alumni, without a coach or a football team, but it cannot exist without a faculty.

Each academic discipline has its own professional organization and network of regional and national committees, newsletters, and journals. Representatives of these disciplines at universities across the South and nation know well those Auburn faculty members who are inspiring teachers, hard workers, and brilliant researchers, and they have already begun to approach these colleagues about positions at their own universities. One department head at the University of Alabama and one at Emory University that I know personally have contacted Auburn University faculty about coming to their respective institutions. Universities in this region are particularly eager to take advantage of the crisis and to pluck the most valuable faculty from the Plains of Auburn until we are naked, barren and intellectually sterile. Just as a football team depends upon recruiting blue-chippers to win games on the field, so a university depends upon recruiting—and holding—superior faculty to maintain standards of academic excellence in the classroom and a national and regional reputation for quality programs. Just as it is difficult to replace a Sullivan and a Beasley on the football team, so it is impossible to recruit and replace some faculty because of their superior individual expertise, their



GRADUATED AND COMMISSIONED—Magda Del Toro points out her name in the program to her brother, Jose, and mother, Senora Alida Del Toro of San German, Puerto Rico, following commissioning ceremonies on December 9. After receiving her degree in foreign languages that afternoon, Magda moved on to a new assignment as a missile launch officer in the Air Force at McConnel AFB, Kan.

publications, and their national reputations in their field. Some faculty cannot be replaced because there is a nation-wide shortage of Ph.D.'s in their subject area (like math and some of the sciences). Many of Auburn's faculty clearly feel that they cannot and will not remain at Auburn under the present administration and a mass exodus (which at least one trustee so passionately desires) is on the horizon.

Since *superior* faculty cannot be recruited at *any price* to join the Auburn faculty under the present campus conditions, Auburn will be forced to journey down to the local bus station or institutions with less academic standing and hire some warm bodies to stand behind the lecterns. It will be some time before Auburn students begin to score so low on the LSAT test that they cannot be admitted to law schools and so low in the GRE test that they cannot be admitted to graduate schools. It will be awhile before Auburn education majors begin to fail the state competency tests, before pre-med students are rejected by medical schools and lab tech students fail to obtain internships. But somewhere down the road, parents of Auburn students, Auburn alumni and perhaps the legislature will question how Auburn fell to such a sorry academic state. The mass exodus of quality faculty (and it will be the quality ones who will have the greater opportunity to move) will destroy the academic reputation of the university which has been growing for the past three decades.

My own position in this great tragedy has not been pro-faculty nor pro-Fun-

derburk but has always been pro-Auburn University. I have supported Dr. Funderburk when his position has been in the best interests of the university and I have opposed actions of the Auburn faculty that I considered detrimental to the university. In the Auburn Alumni Association Board of Directors meeting last February (with all past national alumni presidents present) I asked Dr. Funderburk if he had the courage to make the changes necessary to convince the faculty that he could lead Auburn. He told me emphatically that he did. In a closed session I insisted that the president could not "stonewall" the crisis by denying that problems existed but he must take action, recognizing the legitimacy of many of the faculty concerns. Thus far there is no evidence that Dr. Funderburk has taken actions necessary to reassure the Auburn faculty and staff of his leadership ability.

Auburn University is in great trauma and she is bleeding profusely. Her life's blood, enriched and strengthened over three decades, is ebbing away. Her faculty is divided and her students are taking sides. Her alumni attack her heart and discredit her spirit. Friendships of a lifetime are broken and professional careers ruined. In the Loveliest Village of the Plains ministers pray for the university, Sunday school classes are hostile gatherings, and some bridge clubs meet no more. Across the state sister institutions of higher education observe gleefully this internecine warfare which saps the energy and destroys the power of a worthy competitor for students and state funds. Meanwhile, certain Auburn

alumni factions furiously fuel the fires of discord dividing more the house against itself. Leaders speak with forked tongues and vested interests struggle to continue to possess the body. Men are threatened, bribed, and bought with favors and promises in a campaign one participant called "hard ball politics." One wonders what great honor or value there will be in victory when the prize arrives deceased. Who is to blame, who is right and who is wrong? How did we arrive at this station and how might we have avoided these blunders in our long season of discontent? Answers to these questions are no longer important.

To try and solve this crisis, the body which has the constitutional responsibility for trusteeship over Auburn University, the Auburn University Board of Trustees, with Auburn alumni Governor Fob James presiding, decided on January 7, 1983, to alter the historical organization of Auburn University. They created an "Auburn University System" (something Dr. Funderburk has wanted for some time) with Dr. Funderburk as president. Dr. Funderburk will oversee two chancellors, one at Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM) and the other at Auburn University at Auburn (AUA)—a position to be filled some time in the future. I see inherent problems with this solution to Auburn's leadership crisis. I am reluctant to reduce the prestige of the Auburn campus by making it only part of a system instead of the main branch of the university. I resent giving the 4,000-student, no basic-research-AUM branch equal status with the 18,000-student, major research-oriented Auburn campus. Furthermore, under the present arrangement, given the press coverage in regional newspapers, all of which have called for Dr. Funderburk's resignation for the good of the university, and the coverage in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, there is little possibility that any top-quality university administrator with a national reputation would risk his personal and professional career to come as chancellor to the Auburn University at Auburn campus. The to-be-appointed chancellor of the AUA campus will be denied the occupancy of the "Presidential Mansion," and will be required to work under Dr. Funderburk, reporting to the Board of Trustees only through Dr. Funderburk. Although I feel this reorganization is not a wise one for Auburn University, it is vitally important to test the integrity of the new chain of command by the immediate appointment of an interim chancellor.

If Auburn University is to survive this crisis, it is very important that Auburn University alumni become *informed* on these issues and that they not allow vested political and economic interests to become the lobbying groups for Auburn University. It is regrettable that Auburn alumni have historically been more exercised over the defeats of the football team than the failures of academic leadership, but then, the scoreboard and the game statistics are more concrete indicators of success and failure than the votes of academic faculty in democratic assembly.

Please remember Auburn University in your prayers.

Sincerely,

Leah Marie Rawls Atkins '58

Features

Engineering Dean Reports Progress In His School

By Fowler Dugger, Jr.
AU News Bureau

"We are going to move ahead!" That is the succinct summary Auburn Dean of Engineering Lynn Weaver used to close a wide-ranging "state of the school" report to a recent meeting of engineering students. From the perspective of five months on the job as new dean of Auburn's School of Engineering, Dr. Weaver touched on progress on a number of fronts—steps to continue the accreditation of all engineering programs, new construction and remodeled facilities, and purchases of new teaching laboratory equipment. He also outlined his hopes for meeting some of the problems Auburn shares with many of the nation's engineering schools, particularly keeping undergraduate enrollment in balance with resources and strengthening the graduate enrollment.

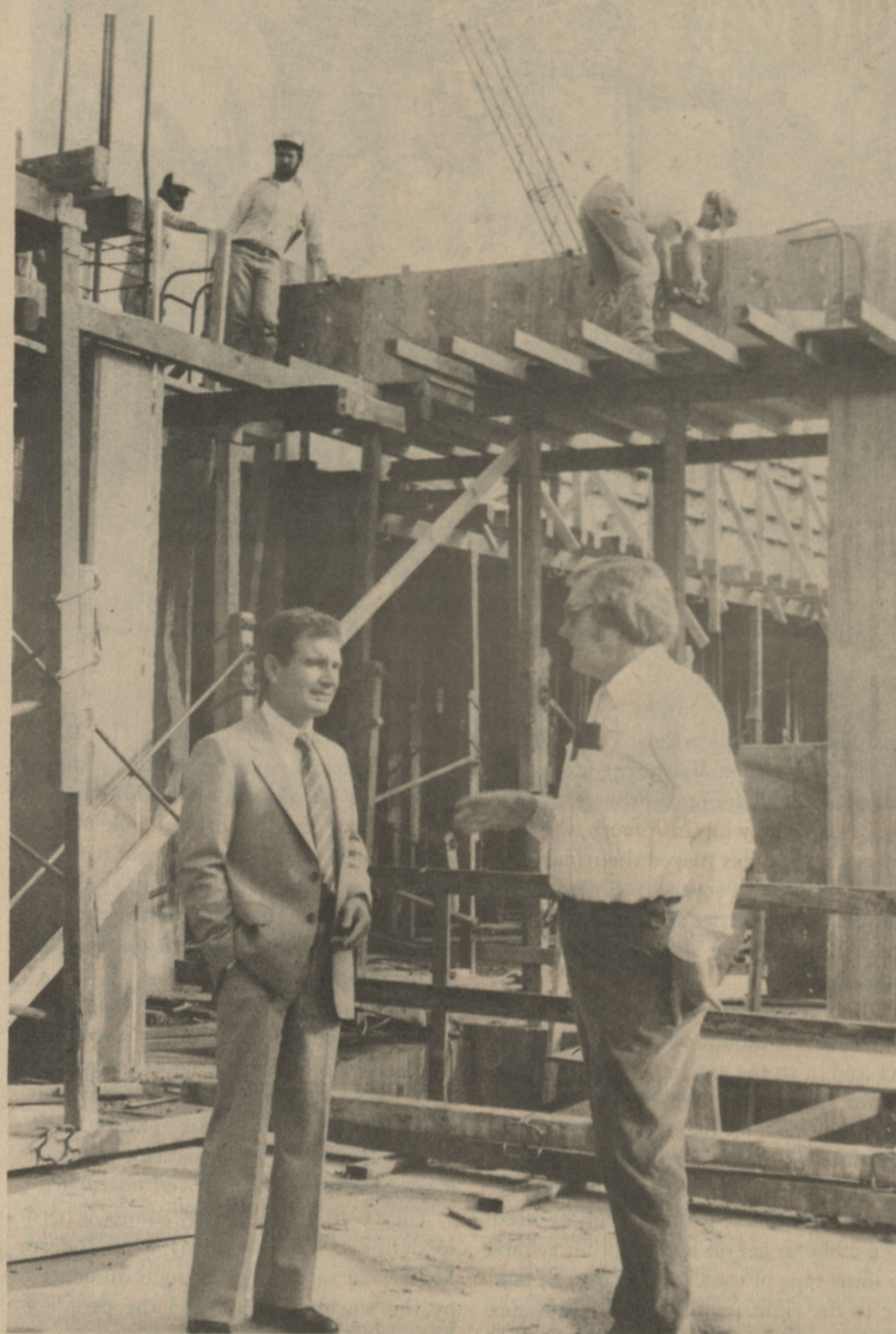
Dr. Weaver said he anticipates no problems in continued accreditation of all engineering programs after the next inspection by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) in late 1983. "Even before my arrival, action had begun on recommendations made by the ABET team after its 1980 review," the dean explained. He added that the school also should be in position to seek accreditation of its new program in computer engineering.

Some \$900,000 is being spent on remodeling of facilities, primarily for chemical engineering. Now on schedule, most of that work should be completed in the next few months. Even while the Engineering Alumni Council continues a drive for \$800,000 for equipment in teaching labs, a number of items have been ordered or placed in use.

The first of two new engineering buildings is now taking shape and is on schedule for completion early in 1984. The \$5 million structure, funded by a state bond issue, will house the school's largest department, electrical engineering. That move will open an additional floor in Dunstan Hall for industrial engineering, with the third floor allocated to Auburn's rapidly growing programs in computer science and engineering.

In his remarks, Dr. Weaver stressed the vital role that engineering schools must play in restoring the nation's competitive position in productivity and innovations in technology. "Our economy and national security are closely tied to our engineering ability. For that ability we must look to quality education. And quality education is a task of such dimensions that private support will be essential," he continued. "Certainly, more adequate state funding will be an objective, but it must be recognized that other demands limit state revenues as a fully adequate source for the quality required.

"From the strong base of alumni and



PROGRESS—Dean of Engineering Lynn E. Weaver, left, discusses progress on the new Electrical Engineering Building with contractor Hoyt Henley. Specifications for a second building are complete, according to the new dean who says Auburn is moving ahead with this and other improvements in the engineering facilities.

corporate support we already enjoy, I want the engineering school to form an even stronger alliance of the business, political, and particularly, the professional engineering leadership that will develop a broad-based appreciation of the role of technology in this state's future and, in turn, its dependence on quality engineering education."

Dr. Weaver, who came to Auburn in June after 10 years at Georgia Tech as director of the School of Nuclear Engineering and Health Physics, reported that specifications for a second building, Engineering II, have been completed. To be built in stages, it will occupy the space of the present Broun Hall, erected in 1906, and named for Auburn's fourth president. Broun is regarded by historians as a pioneer educator in science and technology, as a man with a vision of what Auburn's emphasis of those areas would mean to the advancement of the state and region. The action of the trustees in naming the new electrical

engineering building for Broun will perpetuate his name and reputation, Dr. Weaver said.

To provide additional space for the chemical, civil, and mechanical engineering departments, Engineering II will have some 200,000 square feet, about twice the area of the electrical engineering building now underway. Its projected cost is almost \$19 million, after allowing for inflation during the remaining planning and fundraising period. However, explained Dr. Weaver, "With the \$5 million gift of John M. Harbert, III, an engineering alumnus, we hope to start construction in 1984 on its first wing—40,000 square feet for civil engineering. Then as money contributed to the Auburn Generations Fund (a \$62 million campaign for Auburn University) becomes available, the remaining portions of Engineering II can go up."

One of his concerns, the new dean said, is preserving the quality of undergraduate engineering education in the face of

increasing enrollments. "I think the wiser course is to use our resources to insure quality education rather than stretching those resources to provide only a standard education for greater numbers of students," he declared.

Since 1971 Auburn's undergraduate engineering enrollment has almost doubled: from 2,085 then to 3,860 this fall. Graduate enrollment, in line with the national trend, has shown limited growth, from 141 to 178. Those shifts reflect the inability of graduate schools to attract students in the face of high salary offers to graduating seniors.

Graduate students at the prestigious engineering schools usually make up from 10 to 15 percent of the total enrollment, according to Dr. Weaver. "But," he continued, "we are becoming more competitive in the stipends we can offer to attract good graduate students. A strong graduate program is linked to a strong research program, which is generated by a talented faculty given time for both research and teaching."

Dr. Weaver, a Missouri graduate with advance degrees from SMU and Purdue, said the experience graduate students receive in their own and faculty research is an essential part of their education. Research activity also keeps faculty in the vanguard of their fields, enabling them to bring the new knowledge to their teaching.

Finding talented new faculty is increasingly difficult, Dr. Weaver noted, because industry, to meet its need for research and development people, "is fishing in the same shrinking pool of engineers earning Ph.D. degrees—and industry usually has better bait.

"It is a complex problem," asserted Dr. Weaver, "but we must increase the numbers of both the public and private sector who appreciate the returns that flow from sufficient investment in quality education. We are going to move ahead!"

Older Students Also Find Auburn Good Place to Learn

By Melinda Taylor
AU News Bureau

For two seniors at Auburn University, graduation doesn't mean getting out into the "real world" for the first time. They've already been there. Claude Smith of Auburn and Doris Pike of Lafayette, both in education, are in their late 40s and are getting their bachelor's degree. Smith, majoring in trade and industry, first came to Auburn in 1951 on a football scholarship. But, as he says, he "played around too much" so he didn't finish school.

Smith came back to school to retrain when a back injury made him unable to hold his job. He now plans to apply to graduate school and work towards a master's degree.

Pike, who majored in vocational home

economics, was sewing instructor for International Playtex in Five Points until the plant closed. She also plans to continue her education.

Both students feel that coming to Auburn was a wonderful experience. "I was scared when I first came back," says Smith. "But everyone was very receptive to me. I've found that the kids who are in school now really are the same as when I was here in '51. They still like to play."

Pike also says that she was received well. "At first I felt out of place, but now many of the people I've met at Auburn are really good friends. The other students always make a point to talk to me on campus and the faculty has been terrific," says Pike. "I feel younger and I can understand people even better than before."

Pike and Smith have both made good grades while in college. According to Smith, "I've made better grades now than when I was in school before. I'm much more conscientious and I never skip class."

Pike feels the same. "I took over 20 hours every quarter, even 26 hours one quarter. I wish I could have gone to school when I was younger, but then again, I guess it wouldn't mean as much to me. I wouldn't appreciate it like I do now."

The graduates feel that they have as much Auburn spirit as the younger students. Smith's son graduated from Auburn also, and Pike says that she has always been a big Auburn fan.

After their experiences at Auburn, neither see any reason why anyone who really wants to go back to school should be afraid to. "The one thing I don't like to hear people say is 'I'd like to do this if I weren't so old,'" says Pike. "You are never too old to do something if you set your mind to it."

AU's The Moderns Cut First Album, Seek Some Respect

By Sam Hendrix

If hard work, belief in yourself, and persistence against the odds really help toward overcoming adversity, then a trio of Auburn alums might just stand a chance of making a name for themselves in the music business. Paul Presley, Gary Bowling '82, and Brent Lane '82—collectively known as The Moderns—with a little help from some friends independently recorded their first album, "Serve and Protect," during the fall.

The group, along with the album's executive producer, Lloyd Townsend '77, spends plenty of time these days distributing "Serve and Protect" to different radio stations and record stores in Auburn and a few random markets, such as Atlanta, Philadelphia, and Tampa, Fla. Because the album was an independent project—The Moderns have no recording contract—the investors themselves must distribute the album to try and make their money back through record store and mail order sales.

"We've set up Imaginary Records to handle the operation," says Townsend of his new corporation. "We are trying to get some airplay among college radio stations in the Atlanta area, and we hope to break into the Philadelphia market soon." Townsend, who works for the Extension Service at Auburn, said that although the



IN ACTION—The Moderns, a band composed of two recent graduates and a student, rarely can get together these days, but they have an album out. From left are Paul Presley, Gary Bowling '82, and Brent Lane '82.

task of getting people to hear The Moderns is difficult for an independent group, the group has reason for optimism. "This band has a small following in Auburn, the local campus station has played their music for quite a while, and several representatives from foreign countries are interested in the album after reading about it in *Billboard* magazine."

While Townsend's concern at this point is getting the album played on the radio and sold in stores, the band's guitarist and leading song writer, Paul Presley, says that The Moderns must overcome a few minor difficulties in order to progress.

"We've got to have ourselves known," Presley says of the group's primary need. "We'd like to get on with another act and do some type of tour. It's a matter of talking to the right people, and I'm not sure we've met the right people yet."

Presley, who currently is a junior working toward a degree in chemical engineering, says the band has another problem: the fact that drummer Gary Bowling '82 lives and works in Tampa, Fla., makes regular practice impossible. In fact, they held a week of practice late last summer before rushing into the Mobile studio where they recorded "Serve and Protect" during the last few days before fall quarter began. At that point, Bowling headed to Tampa and Presley and bass player Brent Lane, a 1982 accounting graduate, returned to Auburn where Presley enrolled in school and Lane took a job as a late-night disc jockey at WFRI-FM.

Another difficulty this band faces comes as a result of members' insistence on playing their own compositions. This sometimes conflicts with what club owners want to hear. As Presley notes, "We were asked to leave a club in Auburn once because the club owner hated our music. He asked me during a break if we knew this song by Styx or that song by REO Speedwagon. I told him we could probably play it but that we were not about to." So, even with a huge crowd, that club owner turned out the lights, pulled the plugs, and made the band leave.

Presley recalls another time The Moderns were to play on the Auburn campus around the quad dorms. They attempted, he says, to gain an official "ok" from whoever had jurisdiction to grant it. Even with several dorm house mothers speaking in their defense, the band was threatened with arrest by campus security as they set up for the concert.

"There are plenty of talented musicians at Auburn, but the community just won't support a home-grown band," Presley says. "The clubs in Auburn do not cater to bands that play their own music. The problem doesn't seem to be among students or even faculty, but among the 'official' university."

Their own music, Presley admits, is hard to define. "We always say it's 'Modern Music,'" he says. "My writing is influenced by the world situation and the people I know or read about."

Townsend further described The Moderns' brand of music as "based in rock and roll with a good bit of new wave influence." He's quick to point out that although some people label the music "punk," there is no punk influence on this band. "This album varies from a couple of slower numbers to uptempo, even danceable songs. The lyrics' subjects vary, too."

The Moderns' album is a bit more structured than the music of The Police, but claims much more freedom of expression than, for example, Devo. The lyrics range in topic from strained relationships to the computer age to the threat of nuclear war. Because the beat is almost exclusively new wave, you could dance to The Moderns. But the only dance that logically suits the songs on "Serve and Protect" would be the danse macabre. Anyone dancing to The Moderns isn't listening to the lyrics. Of the 11 cuts on "Serve and Protect," the lone optimistic song, "Respectable Decision," deals with the necessity of mercy killing. The other songs pessimistically reflect lack of honesty among the sexes, the mindlessness of commercial radio, the costs of revolution, and the limitless control of government.

Presley does not see himself as a pessimist as much as a realist. "I don't have a lot of

faith in government, but I do have a lot of faith in people," he says. "There's a solution to every problem, and I believe that eventually people make all the decisions. I wouldn't say I'm a pessimist because I realize there are plenty of good things going on in all aspects of life. What I want to do with my music is to shock people into waking up to stop the things they see are wrong."

"We have a lot of upbeat tunes," Presley notes. "But this world is a very serious place and you've got to have your eyes open looking at it. I feel that music is a good way for me to discuss some of the things that go on politically and socially."

"Serve and Protect" is available in Auburn record stores and, for \$7.50, from Imaginary Records, 329-A East Thach Ave., Auburn, Ala. 36830. They offer it in album and cassette, dolby or dbx.

Coed Ends Schooling In Building Named For Grandfather

By Dru McGowen
AU News Bureau

Karen Lynn Haley, who graduated from Auburn Dec. 9, was the first in her class to take the elevators in Haley Center. But the nine-story ride—a unique experience in 1969—wasn't as exciting to the eight-year old as the occasion of her first visit to Auburn.

"Our whole family was here to celebrate the opening of Haley Center named in honor of my great-grandfather, Paul Shields Haley," she says.

"I remember feeling very important. Everybody said such wonderful things about Grandfather Paul. They said he was the only person connected with Auburn who read the university catalog all the way through each year, [and they told] how he made it his business to know everything about Auburn, often visiting various departments and research labs to find out what was going on."

Dr. Haley was a member of the board of trustees for 51 years, missing only one meeting because of a funeral. (The board met once a month during most of those years.) He served 21 years as vice-president of the board and had been elected to another 11-year term at the time of his death in 1968, at 88.

Many of the five children, nine grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren of Paul Haley have attended Auburn, Karen believes. "My brother, David, is here now, in pre-engineering. Don was the only black sheep in our immediate family. He went to Georgia Tech." Karen's parents are Robert Gentry Haley '57 and Jane Cooper Haley '57.

Most Auburnites who have offices or classes in the 10-story building, topped with an observation deck for a bird's eye view of the campus, see Haley Center as "just another building, and Grandfather Paul's portrait in the lobby as just another face," Karen says, but it's been different for her.

"We used to visit him about once a year, around Easter time. We would come over from Stone Mountain, Ga., to his home in Jasper. I remember him as extremely old, a sweet old man who believed that whatever you did, you should do well."

Interning in the radio and television

department of University Relations, Karen heeded Grandfather Paul's advice, "Although it hasn't gotten me a job, yet."

Karen was awarded a bachelor of arts degree in public relations/speech with a minor in journalism. She is engaged to John Lukens of Ft. Thomas, Ky., who will graduate from AU with a degree in building science in August.

Ag Dean Foresees More Jobs Though Enrollment Falls

By Mary Ellen Hughes

After a year as Auburn's dean of agriculture, Dr. Robert Allen Voitle describes his job as deciding how best to divide the limited resources of his school among all the demands. An enthusiastic worker, he says, "I'm the kind of individual who won't ever be satisfied with what we have because I think we can do a better job if we just had a little bit more."

A Parkersburg, W. Va., native, Dean Voitle, 44, headed the poultry department at California Polytechnic State University from 1979 to 1982. He applied for the dean's position at Auburn because it was the culmination of a career goal.

"The programs here are well-recognized, soundly-based programs and it looked to me like there was an enthusiastic faculty that would be willing to work to improve the programs even more. I like to think that our faculty are more dedicated and more interested in the students than any other faculty on this campus. But I'm a little bit biased in that area."

The agriculture school's major problem is the lack of adequate resources for facilities and equipment, according to Dean Voitle, who says defrayed maintenance has been longstanding because it's one of the first things to be cut from the budget. "Maintenance can be deferred more easily than salaries and basic operating monies. So our facilities are all in fairly poor states of repair."

A lack of adequate facilities has forced, in many instances, two senior faculty members to share one office space in Funchess Hall, making it difficult to advise students effectively, because, Dean Voitle says, students



GRANDFATHER BUILDING—Karen Lynn Haley of Stone Mountain, Ga., great granddaughter of Paul Shields Haley for whom the Haley Center at Auburn University was named, graduated from Auburn in December with a degree in public relations/speech. Haley Center is not the only Auburn building named for a relative. The Goodwin Music Building is named for Karen's great grandmother's brother, James.

often have problems they will discuss only in private consultation with their advisors.

Also, a good portion of the biological sciences faculty is half a mile across campus in Cary Hall and the physiology building. This distance causes poor communication and lowers the faculty morale, according to the dean.

The school also needs micro-computers for undergraduate teaching and half a million dollars' worth of microscopes.

"We need probably one major building and improvements in most of our other buildings to have adequate teaching spaces. Many of our classrooms are much in need of modernization," Dean Voitle explains. "My ultimate goal is to have a well-lighted, acoustically-sound classroom that is adequate for showing slides and film with adequate audiovisual equipment."

Although the agriculture school has many needs, it differs from most Auburn schools in that it doesn't suffer from a faculty shortage. Declining enrollment has solved that problem. In the fall of 1982 the school had an enrollment of 947 undergraduates and 337 graduate students, whereas in fall of 1980 the school enrolled 1213 undergraduates and 332 graduate students.

"Enrollment's been on the decline for the past several years," Dean Voitle says, pointing out that the decline isn't limited to Auburn. "We're very much like our sister campuses in the area of agriculture. They're facing declining enrollments as well."

Dean Voitle attributes part of the declining enrollment to the influx of students interested in nature and ecology in the early 1970s. These students' interests, which

were not dedicated to agriculture, diminished with that decade's "ecology fad."

Thus, agriculture has had a problem with its image. Student opportunities go unrecognized, as the country could absorb 55 percent more agricultural graduates and not have a surplus, says Dean Voitle. At the present time agricultural-related industries employ about 23 percent of the country's population, with fewer than 3 percent employed as farmers.

"The majority of students are going to work for companies—for someone else," Dean Voitle explains. "Not many of them are going back to the farm. And we are not graduating sufficient students that are interested in going on in research and getting advanced degrees to meet our future needs for university professors."

Although few students are going back to the farm, Dean Voitle believes there is a definite place for the small farmer in agriculture's future, saying family farming almost survives easier than corporation farming because of the family devotion to its profession. He explains that as few as five years ago there was a trend to more corporate-style farming, but that trend seems to be changing. Dean Voitle says farms need people with "animal and plant sense" and that relationship exists in family farming.

"We may have to change our concept of the way we farm. As resources become more scarce, we're going to need more farmers than simply technicians."

As dean, a significant part of Dr. Voitle's year is spent in budget preparation and monitoring. He calls it an "unglamorous but essential" task. He spends a good por-

tion of the day in meetings, talking with department heads and visiting community college and industry groups. His "salvation," as he calls it, lies in having a positive impact on a number of programs in contrast to the limited scope he had as an instructor.

Dean Voitle, who, from 1969 to 1979, worked at the University of Florida in Gainesville teaching poultry physiology and running the teaching program within his department, admits to missing the classroom but finds it "very easy to do my job here. I've had a great deal of support from the faculty and administration in getting the job done. I feel that this school has gotten all the support that it could have possibly expected considering the current budget situation."

The dean's interest in agriculture resulted from a love of horses as a child. He earned his bachelor's in animal science and his master's in breeding and genetics at West Virginia University and received his Ph.D. in poultry physiology in 1969 from the University of Tennessee.

Now married and with four children, he spends his spare time clearing the lot where he and his wife, Linda, live with their two young children, Robbie, 5, and Elizabeth, 3.

"I find that working up a good sweat tends to relieve the tension that you develop from a job like this," Dean Voitle said. "I enjoy getting out and doing a little physical work on a regular basis."

Dean Voitle also enjoys being closer to his two older children, Vanessa Hall, 22, and Chris, 19, who live in Gainesville, Fla.

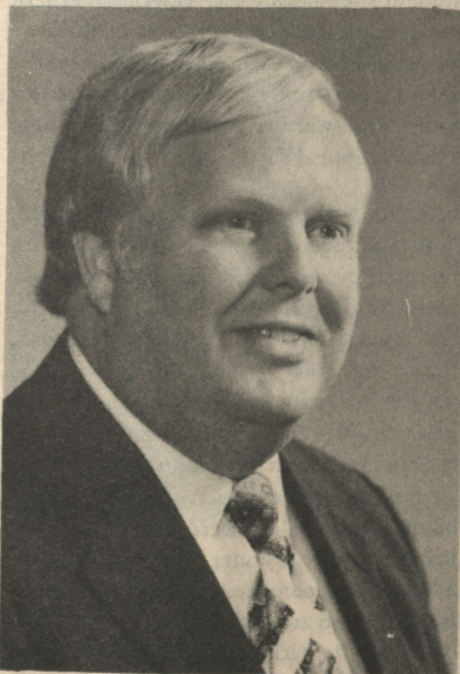
Hoping to become more involved in community improvement groups, Dean Voitle has no plans to move again. "I'd be satisfied to finish my career out here if the university feels it's mutually beneficial. I think Auburn people are kind of special people and I am very rapidly becoming part of the Auburn community. It's easy to feel like you're part of the family here."

Top Executives List Includes 5 Alumni

Auburn has five alumni listed in the recent publication of "Alumni of State and Land-Grant Colleges Who are Leaders of the Nation's Largest Corporations." The five are W. F. Spitznagel '49 of Akron, Ohio, chairman and president of Roadway Express; Robert J. Sweeney, Jr., '48 of El Dorado, Ark., president of Murphy Oil; G. J. Tankersley '43 of Pittsburgh, Pa., chairman of Consolidated Natural Gas; Frank P. Samford, Jr., '41 of Birmingham, chairman of Liberty National Insurance; and A. W. Vogtle, Jr., '39 of Atlanta, president of The Southern Company. (All five currently serve on the National Campaign Committee of the Auburn Generations Fund.)

The compilation of alumni is done under the auspices of the Committee on Voluntary Support of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges. Sources are the 1982 *Fortune* magazine listing of the "Directory of the Largest U.S. Industrial Corporations" and the 1981 *Poor's Register of Corporations, Directors and Executives*.

Incidentally, Auburn also has an alumnus who serves on the Committee on Voluntary Support: Edwin Crawford '51 of Ohio State University.



Agriculture Dean Robert Voitle

From Hank Williams To Harper Lee—All Alabama Heritage

A group of Auburn professors are embarking on a celebration of the humanities in Alabama in the next few months that they hope will have longlasting results. Labeled "The Alabama Experience: A History and Heritage Festival," the activities will begin January 28 when scholars and Alabamians interested in local history and culture gather on campus for a two-day invitational conference. The appearance of Alabama authors Lee Smith and James Haskins will highlight the program.

Then, beginning in February, meetings, exhibits, and tours will take place in Huntsville, Demopolis, Eufaula, Anniston, Birmingham, Montgomery, and Mobile during the next five months. Local communities will explore their own contributions to the humanities. But if all goes according to plan, the end of May will not be the end of Alabama's history and heritage revival.

For by that time, Journalism professor Jerry Brown '67 and his colleagues in the enterprise hope that they will have spread both the interest in local heritage and the knowhow for cultivating it wide enough that counties and small towns all over Alabama will be staging their own festivals and educating themselves and the scholars about local history.

"We're not missionaries who're trying to push the message of the humanities to the people," stressed Dr. Brown. "We want to find people who are interested in the humanities to begin with and then we cooperate with them." In the process of expanding the knowledge of both groups, the Auburn professors hope to show their fellow Alabamians what it is that professors do and that scholarship isn't dull.

The project really had its beginning three years ago—although nobody knew it at the time—when Dr. Brown formed a Lee County Humanities Alliance which came up with a program on local history and religion. Auburn professors and people from the community were involved. The original program, supported by a small grant, was so successful that it was repeated in 1982 and paid its own way.

That project served as a model for the current Festival when the Auburn group joined with the Montgomery Humanities Alliance and the Urban Humanities Consortium (University of Alabama in Birmingham, University of Alabama in Huntsville, and University of South Alabama in Mobile) to secure a grant from the Committee for the Humanities in Alabama (the arm of the National Endowment for the Humanities) for a state-wide festival.

For the Auburn faculty, the festival is a labor of love, backed only by "some moral support from the university and encouragement from the dean," as Dr. Brown explains. The Auburn involvement consists of planning and hosting the statewide conference, producing a 30-minute video tape introduction to the humanities in Alabama, and conducting a series of local festivals in Eufaula, Demopolis, and Anniston. The Montgomery Alliance and the members of the Urban Humanities Consortium will be conducting activities in their own cities.

With the success of the local Opelika-

Auburn programs behind them, the Auburn faculty who are in charge of the programs in Eufaula, Anniston, and Demopolis have had a model to follow. They've looked for topics the local people are interested in and then have helped them provide the programs. The first program will be the February 4-5 in Demopolis. English Department Head Bert Hitchcock '63, who has a great interest in Alabama writers, is the Auburn contact for the conference in his hometown, which also happens to be the hometown of black writer James Haskins. Mr. Haskins, who is on the English faculty at the University of Florida and has written a number of biographies, will be the special attraction. He earlier will appear at the state conference in Auburn where both he and novelist Lee Smith's appearances are sponsored by the Franklin Foundation.

The fifteen-event West Alabama History and Heritage Festival has been coordinated by Dr. Hitchcock and Mrs. Gwyn Turner. Presiding will be Dr. Lester Crawford '63, a humanities supporter who is head of the U.S. Bureau of Veterinary Medicine. A highlight of the program will be the appearance of Raymond Waites '63, a New York designer known primarily for his furniture and other items with a country flavor. Historian Virginia Pounds Brown will speak on her biography of Sumter County folklorist Ruby Pickens Tartt. Perspectives on local history ranging from the Indian heritage to modern politics and economics will be presented by Auburn Professors John Cottier '64 and Wayne Flynt along with Judson College dean William Murray.

Dr. Brown in working with the conference in Eufaula, where the group has brought of the coup of attracting Harper Lee to make a rare appearance. Miss Lee, author of the world famous *To Kill A Mockingbird*, is a native of Monroeville and she will be joining her nephew, drama teacher H.H. Connor, who will give a dramatic presentation of Atticus Finch's appeal to the jury from Miss Lee's work.

The Eufaula group which also has a great interest in politics because the area has produced a number of politicians and military leaders also hopes to attract Gov. George Wallace back to his home county for a panel discussion on the local influences on his own political career. The Eufaula conference is scheduled for March 4-5.

Dr. Wayne Flynt, head of the History Department, will be following some of his own North Alabama interests in the program scheduled for Anniston in early April. Dr. Flynt is an expert on Southern history and the labor movements in Alabama and the South. He has also written a book on Montgomery. Dr. Flynt will also include some crafts in the programs in Anniston. "We've made a raid into the folk arts and fine arts, normally not considered in the strict province of the humanities," says Dr. Brown, "but it's very difficult to draw a line. If you're dealing with songs, then how can you take the music out? Hank Williams is obviously a poet of some stripe although if his lyrics stood alone they probably would not be appreciated. I don't think the humanities can exclude Hank Williams and W.C. Handy."

A number of Auburnites are involved other than Dr. Brown and the chairmen for the projects in each of the cities. Missy

Kuykendall of the Office of Continuing Education is the project administrator. Her husband, Dr. John Kuykendall, head of the Department of Religion is involved in planning the conference on campus, particularly the panel discussion involving Auburn faculty members. Auburn Television staff have helped make the video tape. The Extension Service is providing help in locating people in every Alabama county to attend the festival as well as providing the on-campus aid coming from Landa Trentham and Warren McCord. Bill Baggett '66 of the Department of Art has helped with the video tape and John Fletcher '32 will participate in the program.

Persons interested in attending the conference at Auburn or in gaining information about the three festivals which Auburn is sponsoring can contact Missy Kuykendall, Office of Continuing Education (826-5100). Contacts in other cities include: Birmingham activities, Margaret Armbrister or Tennant McWilliams, Department of History, UAB (934-5634); Mobile, Mike Thomason, Department of History, University of South Alabama (460-6210); Huntsville, Lee Williams, Department of History, UAH (395-6310); and Montgomery, Joy Simpkins, Landmarks Foundation (264-8694).

Calendar of Events

January 28-29 Auburn

The Alabama Experience, an invitational conference in which community leaders and scholars from all over Alabama will explore resources for public humanities programming.

January-March Birmingham

P.H. Polk photographic exhibit at the Birmingham Museum of Art.

February 4-5 Demopolis

West Alabama History and Heritage Festival, Demopolis Civic Center with 15 events focusing on the region's literature, music, history, religion, politics, arts, and crafts. Coordinators are Gwyn Turner and Bert Hitchcock '63. Program participants include area natives writer James C. Haskins; Dr. Lester Crawford '63, head of the U.S. Bureau of Veterinary Medicine; Raymond Waites '63, New York designer; and Bill Cobb, professor of English at Montevallo. Other participants with Auburn connections are Alan Koch '60 and Professors John Cottier '64 and Wayne Flynt.

February 21-25 Huntsville

Tours of Constitution Hall Park from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Will include displays and exhibits.

February 21-28 Hartselle, Decatur

"Science Technology and the Humanities" led by Sandy Sherman, scheduled at the Hartselle Civitan Club and the Decatur Rotary Club.

February 22 Huntsville

"The Historic Tennessee Valley" conversations with representatives from North Alabama historical societies, 7:30 p.m., UAH Room 219, Humanities Building.

February 23 Huntsville

"William Council, Alabama A&M and Huntsville," lecture by Prof. Elise Stephens, photographic exhibit on "Black Historic Huntsville," 7:30 p.m., Alabama A&M, Morrison Fine Arts Center.

February 24-26 Huntsville

Art exhibit: Howard Weeden, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. University of Alabama in Huntsville Art Gallery.

March 4-5 Eufaula

"The Alabama Experience" a local look at the humanities in Eufaula to include a rare appearance by novelist Harper Lee and a possible discussion of local influences on his political career by Gov. George Wallace.

Engineering School Attract Him to AU? Mostly Campus & Pretty Girls

By Fowler Dugger, Jr.
AU News Bureau

Less than three years ago Auburn was only a dot on his map—the location of an engineering school which one of his teachers was recommending. Now he just graduated with honors in civil engineering from Auburn University. The student is William D. Flatt of Burlington, a town of 4,500 in eastern Colorado. He was named runner-up as the Outstanding Graduating Engineer for the fall quarter by the Engineering Student Council, representing honor and professional organizations in the School of Engineering.

William began college at Western State with intentions to follow his father into dentistry, but his second year he decided he was interested in a different kind of bridge-work—that done by some civil engineers. Auburn was among the schools recommended by his calculus teacher. Thus, returning from a spring break in Florida, he mapped out a route through Auburn.

"Before I talked with anyone in the School of Engineering," he confesses, "I had decided Auburn was the place for me." The initial attractions? "A pretty, friendly campus and lots of beautiful girls." Now, two years later, Will is highly appreciative of the education he has obtained, so much so that he has narrowed his choice of a graduate school for a master's degree to Auburn or the University of Kansas. If he selects Auburn, an added inducement will be an Auburn co-ed from Oxford, Alabama, he admits with a smile.

A 3.9 average in his civil engineering courses has earned him membership in Tau Beta Pi, engineering honorary, and the civil engineering honorary, Chi Epsilon, which he serves as editor. He also is a student member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and National Society of Professional Engineers. He also has passed the Engineer-in-Training exam the tough first step toward registration as a Professional Engineer.

Along with his strong academic record, Will has been involved in two faculty research projects and found time to serve as sports director for his engineering dorm, taking part in football, basketball, softball, tennis and golf. With an ultimate goal of having his own consulting engineering practice, Will has been particularly interested in a research project on the feasibility of raising bridges. Such an approach is being studied as an alternative to excavating the road beds under such bridges when additional clearance is desired. Under investigation are such factors as the placement of the jacks that can lift 200,000 pounds and the effect at various points on the bridge of lifting it as much as two feet.

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Travis Williams, Jr., '32 of Montgomery is retired after working for the state 1934-57 as a field auditor, 1958-65 as chief of the sales tax division, and 1965-75 as assistant commissioner of revenue. He and his wife, Martha, have two daughters—Ann Armstrong and Nancy Stephens—and a son, Travis Raymond Williams, III, who all attended Auburn.

James W. Reeder '37 and his wife, Kay, live in Enterprise where he has been retired since 1974. He taught vocational agriculture in Dale County from 1937 to 1944 and in Enterprise from 1944 to 1971. From 1971 to 1974 he was local director of vocational education. He currently assists the Boll Weevil Rose Chapter in caring for the roses at the Enterprise Hospital and Nursing Home. He and his wife have a daughter, Doris Anne Reeder, who attended graduate school at Auburn in 1977. Mrs. Reeder, a graduate of Huntingdon, received the State Teacher Hall of Fame Award (secondary division) from Jacksonville State University in 1974.

Billy Hitchcock '38, who spent 11 years as a big league baseball player and ten more managing the Baltimore Orioles and the Atlanta Braves, was honored by the Opelika Kiwanis Club on October 28 with a "This is Your Life" ceremony. In addition to the participation of local businessmen, family, and friends, Mr. Hitchcock received telegrams from President Ronald Reagan, Gov. Fob James, home run king Hank Aaron, current Braves manager Joe Torre, and Braves announcer Ernie Johnson.

James Leon Burleson '39 and his wife, Stella, live in Panama City, Fla., where he retired on May 1. Mr. Burleson stays busy "sitting in the backyard watching the tide go in and out." After graduation from Auburn, he went to work with the Farm Security Administration where he worked for the next 14 years. Then he joined



The Reese family of Rome, Georgia

A FAMILY FEATURE—The family of Julian Reese '56 is currently being featured in ads for the Southern Company appearing in newspapers and magazines across the South as well as some TV ads to be shown throughout 1983. The Reeses, who live in Rome, Ga., include Julian, center; Betty, upper right; then moving clockwise, J. M., Tommy, Mary, Hollis, Karen, and Thomas. Sons Hollis and Thomas are following their father's footsteps: Hollis is a senior and Thomas a sophomore at Auburn—and both are KAs.

The home team really has to stay on its toes to electrify hometowns across the South.

On a sunny weekend in Rome, Georgia, the Julian Reese family puts its team together for some spirited neighborhood competition.

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1942-1960

Pauline Couch Merriam '42 of Birmingham recently retired from Baptist Medical Center-Montclair where she was director of dietetics for 32 years.

Dr. Haswell C. Jackson, DVM, '42 of Edenton, N.C., retired from the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1981. He and his wife, Mary, have two children.

William Alonzo Dodd, Jr. '42 and his wife, Addie, live in Birmingham where he is a steel engineer in fossil and hydro plant design for Southern Company Services. He was a research instructor in Auburn's Civil Engineering Department from 1952 to 1954. Mr. Dodd has business interests in forest land management and timber marketing and is active with the National Management Association, the Alabama Forestry Association, and the Alabama Forest Landowners Association. The Dodds have three children.

Glen Pitts '49 is a division president and heads the outerwear division for the apparel group of the Kellwood Company in St. Louis, Mo. Before joining the company in 1981, he was president and chief executive officer of American Manufacturing Co. of New Orleans.

George E. Capps, Jr. '50, associate executive director of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, recently received the first E. Y. Mullins Human Relations Award from the American Baptist College of the American Baptist Theological Seminary (ABTS). He and his wife, Betty, have three children—John, Linda, and Paul. The award is named for the founder of ABTS, a predominantly black school sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention and the National Baptist Convention of the USA, Inc., for the training of ministers and church-related workers, and honors Mr. Capps' "unmatched service" and his vision that the institution will grow "in enrollment, quality, and relevancy." The E. Y. Mullins Human Relations Award will be given annually to a South-

ern Baptist "who has demonstrated outstanding qualities in human relations." Dr. Capps, who has been with Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention since 1975, earlier pastored churches in Cookeville, Tenn., Parsons, Tenn., and Fordache, La.

Marshall B. Carden, Jr., '51 of Knoxville, Tenn., had a successful open heart-by pass operation on October 14 and expects to be back in his home improvement business soon.

John Tidwell '52, head of the Savannah, Ga., Leisure Services Bureau, was honored in October by the National Park Service for "outstanding contributions to the field of recreation and leisure services." He has worked for the city of Savannah since 1972 and has overseen the completion of work on Davant Park, Gracefore Square, and Forsyth Park.

Carl F. Bailey '52 of Birmingham has been elected president and a director of South Central Bell Telephone. He also serves on the National Committee of the Auburn Generations Fund. He and his wife, Jean, have two sons.

Joyce Avery Martin '52 and Edwin M. Ray, Jr., '53 were married October 22. They live in Ozark where he owns White's Home & Auto Store. Joyce is a legal secretary with Lee & McInnish, Attorneys, in Dothan.

James T. Tatum, Jr., '53 is an attorney in Huntsville with Berry, Ables, Tatum, Little & Baxter.

Royce A. Jones '54 is vice president of sales for the Midwestern region of Riverside Furniture Corp. in Ft. Smith, Ark.

J. Stanley Mackin '54 has been elected senior executive vice president of First Alabama Bank of Birmingham. He joined First Alabama in 1966 after eight years in the real estate business. He has headed the bank's commercial loan division since 1971 and is a graduate of the Stonier Graduate School of Banking. Mr. Mackin is president of the board of the St. Vincent's Hospital Professional Building, first vice president of the Birmingham Better Business Bureau, and a member of the executive committee of the



GOOD AWARD—Dr. Velma Richardson (right), currently a faculty member at Tuskegee Institute, recently received the Henry B. Good Memorial Award as the outstanding graduate student in the Department of Zoology-Entomology. Making the award are Mrs. Good and Dr. Kirby Hays of the department faculty. Dr. Richardson's research, in the area of human genetics, was directed by Dr. Jack Watson. Dr. Good was a professor in the department from 1924 until his death in 1964.

Birmingham Area Council of Boy Scouts of America. He also serves on the board of the Alabama Goodwill Industries and the Birmingham Botanical Society of which he is past president.

Marion Poitevint, wife of the late Dr. Ottis L. Poitevint, DVM, '54 of Bainbridge, Ga., is the new SAE housemother at Auburn.

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Anyone having a 1931 Glomerata which he wouldn't mind selling is asked to contact Sandra Kirkland, P.O. Box 157, Butler, AL 36994.

Nancy Crozier Smith '55 and her husband, Charles, live in Berkeley Heights, N.J. After retiring following 20 years service in the Army in 1972, Charles works for the U.S. Golf Association. The Smiths have three children: Charles, III, who lives in Tucson, Ariz.; and Suzanne and Karen, who live and work in New Jersey.

Robert T. Caldwell '56 retired from the Navy in 1963 and went to work for the Florida Department of Education's technical education section. He has been regional administrator of vocational education in North Florida for 12 years, supervising vocational education in 21 counties, six community colleges, and eleven area vocational-technical centers.

Max Jordan '57 and his wife, Caroline, live in Gulf Breeze, Fla., where he is co-owner of Bokas Jordan Pharmacy. The Jordans have four children: Sharon, a '77 Auburn pharmacy graduate who works with her father; Kay, a '77 Auburn home economics graduate who works for Jostin, Inc., in New Orleans; Jimbo, a chemical engineering major at the University of Alabama; and Amy, a nursing student at Florida State. Sharon recently gave the Jordans their first grandson.

Emory Binford Fears, Jr., '57 and his wife, Jacquelyn, live in Forest Park, Ga., where he has been a high school counselor for the Fulton County Board of Education since 1960 and in his spare time is an instructor trainer in water safety for the American Red Cross. The Fears' have a daughter, Ashley, 12.

James I. Grantham '57 and his wife, Rose, live in Raleigh, N.C., where he has been president of Certek, Inc., since 1976. He holds an M.S. from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and serves as a director of Filatron Tech and Certek, Inc. He also holds a U.S. patent. The Granthams have three children. Daughter Debra Jean attended Auburn two years before graduating from UNC in 1982.

Arthur (Buddy) Hurt '59 and his wife, Lisa, live in Atlanta, where he is director of construction for Dunoco Development Corp., an affiliate of Dunoco Petroleum Corp. Their daughter, Kimberly, is a sophomore at Auburn.

Elizabeth Whitman Sudderth and her husband, Tee, live in Marietta, Ga., where she is involved in real estate with Ackerman & Co. He works for a company that handles reservations for airlines all over the world. They have two children: Elizabeth Robin, an Auburn junior, and David Scott, an Auburn freshman.

Anne Ford Heard '59 and her husband, John, live in New Orleans where she and a friend share the position of director of Christian education and child nurture at Trinity Episcopal Church. John is a radiologist in private practice. The Heards have four sons: Gray, 15, Brent, 11, Ryan, 8, and Dru, 5.

Jere L. Beasley '59 practices law in Montgomery with Beasley & Wilson, specializing in civil and criminal trial work. His son, Jere, Jr., is a senior at Auburn and his daughter, Julie, is an Auburn junior.

Dr. D. Reginal Traylor '60 operates Traylor Enterprises of San Antonio, Tex., and is a member of the Auburn Advisory Council for the



SWEARING IN—On November 15, James H. Weeks '48 was sworn in by Georgia Gov. George Busbee as Superior Court Judge of the Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit. Judge Weeks has practiced law 22 years in the Atlanta area since receiving his L.L.B. from Emory. He and his wife, Peggy, have a daughter, Terry Weeks '69 (who is married to Richard Ingwersen '70), and two grandsons, Wes, 5, and Lance, 2.

Physical and Mathematical Sciences.

Margaret Morton Upshaw '60 married Robert W. Richardson on August 29. They live in Tryon, N.C. Margaret has completed an Army career as an intelligence officer. Her husband is an engineer who worked as an industrial consultant out of New York. For the past 15 years he lived in South America and worked for the United Nations as project manager in an industrial research institute. The Richardsons share interests in gardening, bicycling, fishing, and bridge, and in addition he is an active water colorist.

1961-1968

Lee Ford '61 is a reservation sales agent with Delta Airlines in New Orleans.

Mary Christopher Bell '63 married Dr. James G. Dillard on August 28. They live in Starkville, Miss., where he is a professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Mississippi State.

Kay McLain Whatley '63 is senior marketing executive with Xerox Corp. in Orlando, Fla. She and her husband, Robert, have a daughter, Melissa, 11.

Emily Buttram Cheatham '64 is speech pathologist for the DeWitt-Lavaca County Special Education Cooperative in Texas. She and her husband, Tom, and two daughters, Lisa, 14, and Miranda, 3, live in Thomaston, Tex.

Clifton Odell Mann, III, '64 is assistant district director with Farmers Home Administration in North Alabama. He lives in Owens Cross Roads.

Sandra Rollings Dillon '65 is president-elect of the Alabama Dietetic Association. She is associate director of the Department of Dietetics at the University of Alabama Hospitals and has been a psychiatric dietitian, research dietitian, assistant director, and director of clinical dietetics. She assists with the clinical training of dietetic interns and dietetic technical students at UAB. She has served on a number of committees involving health care and dietetics and currently is a member of the Nutrition Today Society and of the advisory council of the

John Rollings and Michael Wells, and Jennifer Lynn.

Michael G. Morton '65 is director of key account marketing with Monsanto Co. in Charlotte, N.C., where he lives with his wife, Dixie, and their children—Michael, David, and Patrick.

Marilyn Clark Beck '66 has been elected to the governing board of the Committee for the Humanities in Alabama. The Committee is a non-profit organization of citizens who volunteer to work in cooperation with the National Endowment for the Humanities and review grant applications for non-profit groups requesting support for conferences, forums, exhibits, and other public programs focusing on history, literature, philosophy, and other areas of the humanities. Dr. Beck is dean of academic affairs at Lurleen B. Wallace State Jr. College in Andalusia. She has been active in the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the Alabama Education Association. She is a regular speaker for civic groups and has been chairperson of the LBW Community Arts Council and as well as on the board of the Andalusia Area Chamber of Commerce.

Carol L. Droessler '67 is new director of human resources for the Florida Gas Transmission Co. She joined the company in 1976 and became supervisor of employment and training the following year. In 1979 she left Florida Gas to spend two years with Red Lobster Inns of America before rejoining Florida Gas in 1981 as manager of human resources. Florida Gas operates a 4,280-mile pipeline system from South Texas around the Gulf of Mexico to near Miami. It is the sole supplier of natural gas to peninsular Florida.

Kay Ivey '67 became community relations director for St. Margaret's Hospital on November 15. She is in charge of public relations and fund-raising. Kay is founder and director of Ivey Enterprises, a consulting firm that assists companies in locating and municipalities in securing industry. She became reading clerk of

Auburn School of Home Economics. Sandra and her husband, Roy, have three children—twins,



AG SENIORS HONORED—Seniors in the School of Agriculture, Forestry, and Biological Sciences selected for membership in Gamma Sigma Delta, the honor society of agriculture, are shown following initiation on Dec. 1. Left to right are: front row—Robert A. Bugg of Montgomery, Donna Jean Goodchild of Elgin, Ill., Connie Grimes of Albertville, and Marie E. Kerl of Kingston, N.Y.; back row—James G. Smitherman of Clanton, James R. Thorsen of Tacoma, Wash., Henry A. Torbert, III, of Opelika, and Timothy W. Williams of Boaz. Also initiated were Anita L. Bowman of Tokyo, Japan, and Michael Ochoa of Los Angeles, Calif.

the Alabama House of Representatives in August 1981 and was the first woman appointed by Gov. Fob James to his cabinet. She serves on the Advisory Council of the Auburn School of Business and is a member of the board of Alabama Future Farmers Foundation, Alabama Girls' State, and of the Tukabatchee Council of the Boy Scouts of America. She is honorary state Heart Fund chairman and an honorary Future Homemaker of Alabama and Honorary Future Farmer of America.

John H. Straiton '68 is on loan from NASA at Kennedy Space Center to the Air Force at Vandenberg AFB, Calif., for a minimum of two years as a Space Shuttle specialist. He lives in Lompac, Calif.

C. William Samples '68 has been promoted to vice president with Fuqua Industries, Inc., of Atlanta Ga. He has been with Fuqua since 1975 in a variety of positions, most recently as operations manager.

Russell Olvera '68 is assistant director for the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority in Clearwater, Fla. His wife, **Martha Granger '68**, is resource teacher for the hearing impaired program in the Pinellas County Schools.

1969

Danny L. Blackburn has been named auditor of the accident prevention program at West-Point Pepperell's Personnel Services Center in Valley. He lives in Shawmut with his wife, Ella Jo.

W. Hal Shepherd, president of Shepherd & Associates, has earned a master's in financial services from The American College at Bryn Mawr, Pa. He has been in the insurance and financial planning field since his Auburn graduation. He lives in Birmingham.

Dennis M. Pinkard and his wife, **Charlotte Wingfield '71**, live in San Diego, Calif., with their daughter, **Ashley, 6**. Charlotte has recently been promoted to vice president of the California First Bank, heading the operations research department responsible for development of bank products, data processing systems, and customer service for the 120 branches in the bank's network. Dennis is a senior project leader with ARINC Research Corp. He also is a lieutenant commander and executive officer in a Naval Reserve Unit.

J. Brian Ford of Birmingham has been promoted to discipline project manager at Southern Company Services, Inc. In this job he will oversee the civil and architectural design work required for Georgia Power's Scherer Electric Generating Plant being built outside Macon. He and his wife, **Carolyn**, have a daughter, **Kristi, 10**, and son **Kevin, 2**.



PROMOTED—C. William Samples '68 has been promoted to vice president of Fuqua Industries of Atlanta, Ga., from operations manager. He has been with the company since 1975.

Edward H. Shoemaker is a computer specialist for the Internal Revenue Service in Washington, D.C.

E. Scott Long and his wife, **Kathy**, live in East Peoria, Ill., with their three daughters, **Rosa, 12**, **Delane, 10**, and **Brandy, 9**. Scott is a salesman for Wilkins Pipe and Supply Co. and Kathy teaches physical education in East Peoria Elementary School.

Marie Bynum Chandler has been promoted to welfare supervisor with the Cullman County Department of Pensions and Security. She lives in Vinemont with her husband, **Gary**, and daughter, **Laura Marie, 4**.

Nelda Settle is now **Nelda S. Mishoe** of Milton, Fla.

1970

John W. Shafer, his wife, **Diane Deavours '69**, and their son, **Michael**, live in Athens, Ga., where John is assistant athletic director for business at the University of Georgia.

Jack Boutin has become a partner in Godwin & Associates, an Atlanta-based corporate interior design firm. His responsibilities include production, internal project management, and construction administration. Jack joined the firm last year after 12 years of experience with other design firms.

MARRIED: **Leslie Carol Norris** to **Phil A. Beetley** on May 31, 1980. They live in Lafayette, Ind., where she is a residence hall manager at Purdue University.

BORN: A son, **Stephen Frank**, to Mr. and Mrs. **Frank D. Marsh** of Montgomery on March 18. He joins sister **Melanie Leigh, 3**. Frank is an attorney.

A daughter, **Lee Searcy**, to Mr. and Mrs. **James Yoder (Alicia Mauldin '69)** of Montgomery on August 30. She joins big sister **Anne Harmon, 4 1/2**.

1971

Terry L. Groome lives in Orlando, Fla., and is tournament director of golf operations at Walt Disney World.

Charlie L. Hill, who earned a master's from Auburn in psychology, is now a soap opera actor, starring as **Joel Walker** on NBC's "Texas." After graduation from Auburn, Charlie worked in Birmingham on a research project for UAB and performed with Town and Gown Theatre before deciding to try his luck acting professionally. He auditioned for "Texas" in New York and won the role. In a recent feature by **Eugenie Northcutt** in the *Shades Valley Sun*, Charlie is quoted as saying, "The work is grueling because the pace is amazingly fast and most of the scenes I'm in have just one or two takes. What it amounts to is an hour's worth of show in one day. There are no teleprompters, so you are on your own."

BORN: A daughter, **Jane Evelyn**, to Mr. and Mrs. **Joe T. Glover, Jr., (Dale Eatman)** of Greensboro, on August 30. He joined big brother **Grant**, age 7 1/2.

A daughter, **Jessica Anne**, to LCdr. and Mrs. **David E. Mitchell** of Kingsville, Tex. She joins big brother **Parrish, 10**. David is a flight instructor and administrative officer for his squadron at NAS Kingsville, Tex.

1972

Steven A. Robinson has been named a vice president with Chick-fil-A. Prior to joining Chick-fil-A in 1981, he was marketing director for Six Flags Over Georgia and has been associated with the Stars Hall of Fame in Orlando, Fla. He has a master's degree in advertising from the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University. Steve and his wife, **Dianne**, have two children, **Joy** and **Joshua**.

Duncan William Edwards is vice president and general manager of Pacific Southwest Investments, an investment and financial con-



PRIZE-WINNING—Chemistry senior **Harold Blackwood**, who works as a photo technician at Auburn Television, recently won four awards for his photographs in a competition sponsored by the South Alabama State Fair and the Professional Photographers' Association of Montgomery. His "An Apparition"—showing a ghost-like figure of a woman on a staircase won first place in the Black and White/Pictorial category. He also won second prize and honorable mention in that category. His picture of a young boy splashing at a water faucet received third prize in the Black and White/People category.

sulting firm. He and his wife and 11-year-old daughter live in Phoenix, Ariz.

MARRIED: **Myrna Elizabeth Kinsey** to **Harold Dow Swain, III**, in Birmingham on October 9. They live in Hueytown.

BORN: A son, **Brooks Edward**, to Mr. and Mrs. **Joe S. Bailey '69 (Marsha Prather)** of Auburn on November 7. He joins **David Thomas, 3 1/2**. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. **E. E. Prather (Mary Elizabeth Marshall '42)** and Dr. and Mrs. **W. S. Bailey '42**, all of Auburn.

A son, **David Ryan**, to Mr. and Mrs. **Michael K. Myrick** of Roswell, Ga., on June 6.

A daughter, **Rachel**, to Dr. and Mrs. **Jody McClinton (Donna Morton '72)** of Montgomery on September 25. The McClintons recently moved to Montgomery where Jody is in a group practice in obstetrics and gynecology. Rachel joins two older sisters, **Heather, 7**, and **Brooke, 2**.

1973

Glenn Ray Glover completed his Ph.D. in



PRESIDENT-ELECT—**Sandra Rollings Dillon '65** is president-elect of the Alabama Dietetic Association. She is associate director of the Department of Dietetics of the University of Alabama Hospitals and serves on the Auburn School of Home Economics Advisory Council.

1974

Lt. Gary P. Smith graduated from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif., December 19 with a master's in management science, and is now a trained Navy financial manager. He has returned to NAS Orange Park, Fla., to resume his flying career. He flies the SH-3H helicopter and the S-3A antisubmarine warfare airplane. He and his wife, **Anna '75**, have a daughter, **Jessica, 20 months**.

Dr. Thomas Joseph Timmons '79 and his wife, **Kathryn Hartzog**, now live in Murray, Ky., where he is assistant professor in the department of biological sciences at Murray State University and she is an adjunct instructor in the department of home economics. They have a one-year-old son, **Glenn**.

Elizabeth Smith Thompson is "happily keeping house in Kansas City and raising her 15-month-old daughter, **Elizabeth**." She also does volunteer work at local nursing homes.

MARRIED: **Nona Bradshaw Woods** to **Kenneth W. Crawford** on October 23. They live in Moundville with her two children, **Kevin** and **Sonja**. Kenneth works with Farm Fresh Catfish Co., Inc., in Greensboro.

Leila Zane O'Neal to **Lanis Torney** on March 20. They live in Stone Mountain, Ga., and she works for Southern Bell in Atlanta as an account executive in the business marketing department.

BORN: A daughter, **Laura Elizabeth**, to Mr. and Mrs. **Charles R. Rhodes (Elizabeth Wilkerson)** of Scottsboro on August 12. She joins sister **Ann, 21 months**.

Bureon E. Ledbetter, Jr., is now vice president and general counsel of Chick-fil-A. He lives in Hapeville, Ga., with his wife, Harriet. After graduating from Auburn, he earned a Doctor of Jurisprudence from Cumberland School of Law at Samford University in Birmingham. They are members of Wieuca Road Baptist Church. Harriet, an executive secretary, graduated from Georgia State University.

Steven D. Smith and his wife, Sherri Davis, live in Columbus, Ga., where he is a partner with the law firm of Keil, Davis, Harp, Smith & Smith, P. C. Sherri is a finance officer with Columbus Bank & Trust Company. They have one son, Travis Langdon, 1.

Dr. Edward L. Hawkins is medical director of the pulmonary rehabilitation program at South Highlands Hospital in Birmingham. The program helps people with lung diseases such as bronchitis, emphysema, and Black Lung cope with their diseases and lead normal lives.

Will Carrington Heath is assistant professor of economics at Birmingham-Southern College. He is married to Lisa Lalande of Lafayette, La. He also writes that he has a "big black dog named Hess."

Martha Lynn Gardner, who married Steve Baker in 1977, teaches at Salter Elementary School in Talladega. The Bakers have two daughters, Stephanie, 3, and Julie, 1.

Caroline B. Chandler lives in Birmingham where she works for Alabama Power's corporate planning department.

Susan Marie Clark of Buena Vista, Ga., teaches government and American history at Tri-County High and coaches girls' softball, basketball, and track. She recently finished work on her master's in educational administration at the University of Mississippi.

MARRIED: Ruth Suzanne Ray of Birmingham to Edward James Hoyer, Jr., on Oct. 5. After a trip to Guadalupe Island in the French Caribbean, the couple lives in Long Beach, N.Y.

BORN: A son, B. J., to Louise Bolton Pitts of Jemison on April 6. He joins two older sisters, Samantha and Sally.

1976

Susan Melton taught Spanish in Huntsville for 2 years following graduation from Auburn, then spent a year in Spain and another year in Los Angeles before returning to Alabama to get a degree in computer and information sciences. She is presently a programmer with a small company in Birmingham and serves on the board of her homeowner's association.

Sara Cathy Higgins is now Cathy Higgins Miller of Leesburg.

Lt. Stephen Michael Dlugos is now stationed in Kingsville, Tex., as an advanced jet flight instructor for the Navy, flying the TA-45 aircraft.

Carolyn Louise Kennedy has been promoted to chemistry laboratory supervisor with Georgia Power Co. in Atlanta. She's presently pursuing an MBA degree at Georgia State University.

Capt. Daniel Eugene Connor is currently stationed at Angelo State University at San Angelo, Tex., as professor of aerospace studies with Air Force ROTC.

MARRIED: Constance D. Whitfield to Dale Underwood on May 8. Dale is a saxophone soloist and clinician and both are members of the U.S. Navy Band, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C.

Mimi L. Campbell to Craig G. Young in May 1981. They live in Hope Hull. He is an engineer for WSFA-TV in Montgomery and she is an assistant director for Coastal Training Institute, a Montgomery business college.

BORN: A daughter, Jeannene Elizabeth, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lawing, Jr., '82 (Lisa Ford '76) on July 1.

A daughter, Kirsten Blair, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rick Harbuck (Deidre Dice) of Jack-



AG GRAD STUDENTS—Agricultural graduate students who were honored for outstanding scholastic and leadership accomplishments at Auburn University pose following their initiation into Gamma Sigma Delta, the honor society of agriculture. Left to right: front row—James C. Askew, Jr., of Auburn, Mary Cox of Enterprise, Donna C. Fare of Lexington, Ky., Jacques Gabaudan of Kenya, Africa, and Bonnie O. Gintis of Elizabeth City, N.C.; second row—Mary E. Hayes of Puqua, Ohio,

Thomas D. Holman of Hammond, Ind., Ebenezer Kolajo of Igbaho, Nigeria, Doreen L. Miller of Corona, Calif., Azariah O. R. Ogal of Kenya, Africa, and Michael A. Paessun of Columbus, Ohio; back row—Donnie R. Parrish of Enterprise, Carl A. Pinyard, III, of Selma, Franklin E. Ross of Kingston, N.Y., Mohamed O. Saeed of Sudan, Jeffrey F. Sims of Chickasha, Okla., and Robert D. Smith of New Iberia, La.

sonville, Fla., on June 24. She joins sister Elissa Byrn, 3.

A son, Henry Garrett, to Lt. and Mrs. William Ronald Lavender of Yokosuka, Japan, on October 17. Lt. Lavender is supply corps officer at the Naval Supply Depot.

A son, John Douglas, to Dr. and Mrs. Larry D. Williams of Murphreesboro, Tenn., on Dec. 19, 1981. Dr. Williams owns and operates Williams Animal Hospital, which he opened in January 1981.

A son, Thomas McIlwain, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wright (Nancy Strahan) of Jackson, Miss., on October 9.

A son, Brooks Montgomery, to Lt. and Mrs. Larry H. Davis of Aiea, Hawaii, on October 28. He is named for Lt. Alexander Brooks Montgomery '76 who was killed in a naval accident in 1980. Larry is now the fire control officer on the staff of the Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

A daughter, Jocelyn Brooke, to Lt. and Mrs. Robert F. Schniedwind, Jr., of Virginia Beach, Va., in June. She joins brother Robert, III, 3. Lt. Schniedwind is officer-in-charge of the Atlantic Fleet Helicopter Operations School, helicopter combat support squadron six.

1977

Donald B. Farnham and his wife, Charlotte, have moved from San Francisco to Birmingham

where he works at the Birmingham office of Chicago Bridge & Iron as a civil engineer and she is an artist with *Southern Living* Magazine.

Ray Thomas Kennington earned a degree from the University of Alabama School of Law in May and now practices law in Ariton. His wife, Donna Roebuck '79, completed her master's at Alabama in December 1981. They live in Troy.

Bebe A. Yancey teaches eighth grade civics and advises the student government at Wheatley Middle School in Childersburg. She completed her master's at UAB in August 1981.

Dr. Mary Jane Sepmeier lives in Tulsa, Okla., and was recently elected president of the Tulsa County Veterinary Medical Association, the first woman president in the organization's history. She recently opened a veterinary practice in association with Dr. Bill Gooldy, her fiancé.

D. Lynn Cox, after completing a federal judicial clerkship with Hon. J. Foy Guin in Birmingham, now lives in Dallas, Tex., where she practices law with the firm of Johnson & Swanson.

MARRIED: Ellen C. Brown to David Neal Bush on October 16. They live in Clear Lake City, near Houston, Tex. Ellen is an accountant with Celanese Corp. and David is a production engineer at U.S. Industrial Chemicals.

Leslie Ann Jeff to David M. Davis. They live in Birmingham.

Jane E. Pitts to Gary Bayer on October 24, 1981. They live in Columbus, Ga., where he is a

psychologist and she is branch director for the Georgia Lung Association.

Cynthia Elaine Anderson to Alexander M. Balint on July 24. They live in Alexander City.

BORN: A daughter, Christina Lee, to Anna Marie Strini Roberts and her husband on Sept.



HUMANITIES—Dr. Marilyn Clark Beck '66 of Andalusia has been elected to the Committee for the Humanities in Alabama. She is dean of academic affairs at Lurleen B. Wallace Jr. College.

16. Anna Marie teaches physical education and coaches gymnastics at Kaiserlauten American Jr. High in Germany where her husband is stationed.

1978

John Carvalho is in his second year editing *Athletes in Action*, a quarterly sports magazine written from a Christian perspective. He lives in Redlands, Calif., and writes that he loves his job but sure misses living in the South.

K. Lee Johnson is a financial analyst with IBM in San Jose, Calif.

John R. Mayfield and his wife, Holly J. Hall, live in Pensacola, Fla., where he is general manager of Beekman's Supply Co.

John Burnie Richardson, Jr., recently graduated with honors from the College of Medicine at the University of South Alabama. During commencement ceremonies, he received the Dean's Award as well as awards for overall outstanding scholastic achievement, scholastic achievement in internal medicine, in biomedicine, and outstanding performance in pharmacology, and the Pediatrics Award. A former President's Award winner at Auburn, Dr. Richardson is married to Sonja Hand and they have an eight-month-old daughter, Erin Lee. He is now doing a residency in general surgery at the South Alabama Medical Center.

Yarisa D. Smith has lived in New York City the past four years, working fulltime for Imperial Formula Cosmetics and part-time as a model for Bloomingdale's. She says the nicest part of the pro football strike was "finally getting to read about Auburn in the Sunday papers."

Martha Garrett Griffin and her husband live in Leeds with their five dogs. Martha is now administrative manager of the dietary department at Spain Rehabilitation Center.

Duane Randall Hampton has been named assistant professor in the Department of Civil Engineering at Auburn. He earned his Ph.D. from Colorado State University.

Wen Chin Yeh has been named assistant professor in the Electrical Engineering Department at Auburn. He earned his bachelor's degree from the National Chiao-Tung University in Taiwan before taking two graduate degrees from Auburn.

Thomas A. Sims, III, and his wife, Karan Sexton '77, live in Nassau, Bahamas, where he is an engineer on the Cable Beach Hotel and

Casino project for Blount International of Montgomery which is scheduled to be completed in October 1983.

Peggy Wiggins Rowan has recently joined Ohrbach & Benjamin, Inc., as art director in New York City. She formerly worked with Cargill Wilson & Acree of Atlanta.

MARRIED: Pamela Jo Lewis to Ira Bruce Owens, Jr., on Sept. 18. They live in Birmingham.

BORN: A son, Nicholas Alan, to Mr. and Mrs. Barry A. Fulwiler (Mercedes Holt) of Anacortes, Wash., on Sept. 20, 1981. Barry is in the Navy aboard the USS John F. Kennedy and Mercedes does contract computer programming for the state of Washington. She writes, "We really miss the South and can't wait to get back."

1979

Manley R. Hodges has been promoted to safety and training director at WestPoint Pepperell's Fairfax Manufacturing Mill in Valley. He and his wife, Jane, live in Shawmut.

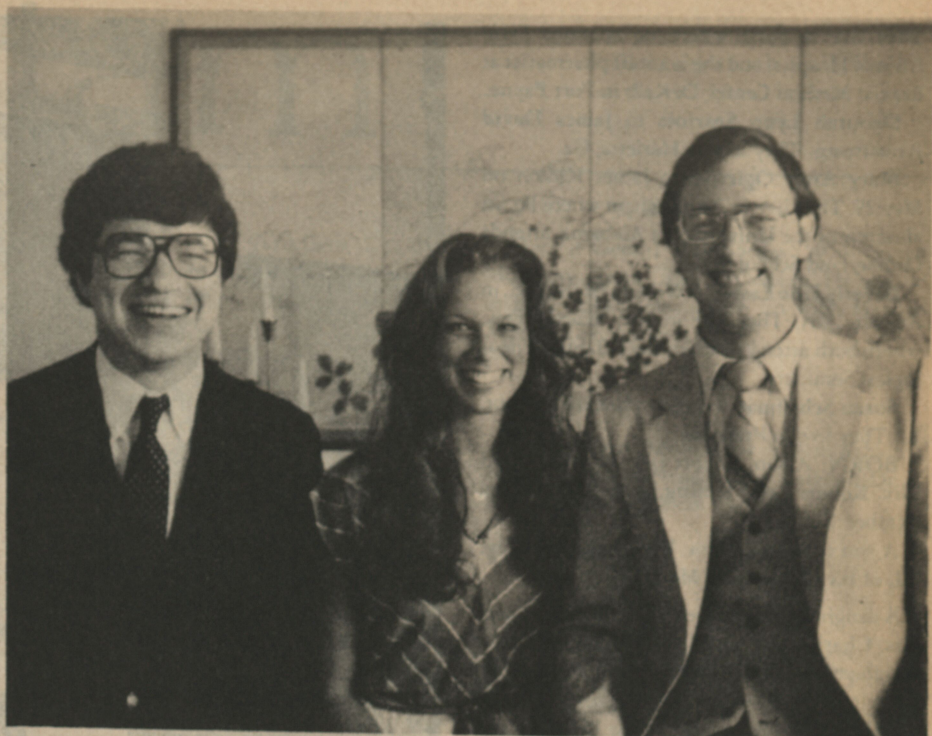
Stephen Alen Sterner and his wife live in Springfield, Ill., where he works for Ashland Oil Co.

Michael Lee Jones received a master's in zoology this past June from the University of California at Davis after having returned in February from a 6-month stay in Costa Rica aiding in research concerned with the social behavior of vampire bats. He now works for a local resource conservation district as a consultant involved with waterfowl habitat management in a large marsh near Fairfield, Calif.

Steven Wayne Hicks is a loan officer at the Army Aviation Federal Credit Union in Fort Rucker.

William Scott Maddox received his pilot's wings as a reservist with the 920th weather reconnaissance group at Biloxi, Miss., and after flying more than 900 hours—including 15 hurricane penetrations—he joined the Air Force and is stationed in Tucson, Ariz. He is a squadron pilot and the flight safety officer. He is married to Dana Morgan of Tacoma, Wash.

Patricia Haden Swift works for Oasis Petroleum Corp. in Los Angeles, Calif., selling aviation fuel contracts to large corporate flight departments all over the country. She lives in Marina Del Rey.



UNUSUAL FAMILY RECORD—It isn't unusual for three children from the same family to attend Auburn—especially if they happen to be children of an alumnus. But it is usual for all three of those children to be inducted into Auburn's highest honorary, Phi Kappa Phi. And it's even more unusual for all three of them to enter the same profession, particularly if it's that of their father. But when Steven Alan Isbell '76, Nancy A. Isbell '81, and John Blakely Isbell '75 (left to right above) were Auburn students they each achieved the honor of Phi Kappa Phi. And all three are in medicine. Nancy, now of Hoover, graduated with Auburn's first nursing class while her brothers Steven of Jackson, Miss., and John of Birmingham have gone on to receive the M.D. from the University of Alabama in Birmingham. The medical trio are the children of Dr. and Mrs. John B. Isbell '54 of Fort Payne.

MARRIED: Erin May Michael to Peter A. Russell on October 30. They live in Roswell, Ga., where she teaches special education and is a volunteer coordinator for Special Olympics in Cherokee County Georgia.

Myra Lyn Stewart '77 to Keith David Wooten on July 17. They live in Birmingham where he is a civil engineer with Southern Co. Services and she teaches school.

Susan Carol Howard to David Alan Blake on September 26. They live in Opelika.

Marilyn Lee Lance to G. Lawrence Moody on March 27. They live in Fort Worth, Tex., where Marilyn is a clinical dietitian at Moncrief Radiation Center and Lawrence is an engineer with General Dynamics.

BORN: A daughter, Sarah Christen, to Mr. and Mrs. William Andrew Shelton '80 (Deborah Jean Watson) on September 3. They live in Fairhope.

A daughter, Heather Elizabeth, to Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Davies (Nancy Knowles '78) of Birmingham on November 4.

A daughter, Christen Michelle, to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald R. Cofer '78 (Lisa Dyess) on October 20. They live in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

1980

Cynthia Lee Voight is now Cynthia Voight Walters of Huntsville.

Paul William Farrow was promoted by Burnham Van Service to operations manager of the Los Angeles Terminal. He lives in Downey, Calif., with his wife, Janice Marguerite Stockton '81, who is currently working toward a master's in early childhood education-handicapped at Cal State University in Los Angeles.

Theresa Ann Flynn works for Arthur Andersen & Co. in Houston, Tex., in the audit division. She joined the firm after earning a master's in accounting at LSU in May where she had been a graduate teaching assistant for two years.

Lt. (jg). William Randolph Morris is now stationed at NAS Moffet Field, Calif., and is a qualified naval flight officer flying the P3C aircraft.

Kevin Anthony Eyl completed his MSEE at Georgia Tech in summer 1981 and now works as a development engineer with Schlumberger Well Services in Houston, Tex.

Cherry Gay Carter is now assistant county agent of Walker County with the Extension Service. She lives in Jasper.

Martin McRae (Mac) Edwards is an account executive covering Atlanta and north Georgia with MAG, Inc., computer applications, software development, and computer distribution and installation. He lives in Athens, Ga.

Karen McGuire Wiggins is volunteer services director at Providence Hospital in Mobile. Her responsibilities include the auxiliary and teenage volunteer programs.

Capt. Stephen Lamberth was promoted to his present rank on October 1. An air group aviation electronics officer, he lives in Kailua, Hawaii, with his wife, Norma, and his two daughters, Valerie and Stephanie. He has assigned to the Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay Hawaii for more than a year.

Lt. (jg). David Lee Stevenson was promoted from ensign and now lives in Port Hueneme, Calif.

Tamara Townsend is the director of music and education at Lester Memorial Church in Oneonta.

Eleanor D. Foster, of New Orleans, received her MBA from Tulane University in May 1982. She works as a credit analyst in the commercial loan officer development program at the Hibernia National Bank in New Orleans.

Donna Elizabeth Martin is a registered pharmacist on the staff of the Medical Center Hospital in Huntsville after earning a pharmacy degree in 1981.

MARRIED: Valerie Estes Pankey to John Ellis Adams. They live in Birmingham.

Dru Ellen Coleman to Jeffery Johnson '78 on May 30. They live in Decatur, Ga.

Luanne Lockwood to Charles W. Hart, III, '78 on July 17. They live in Tuscaloosa.

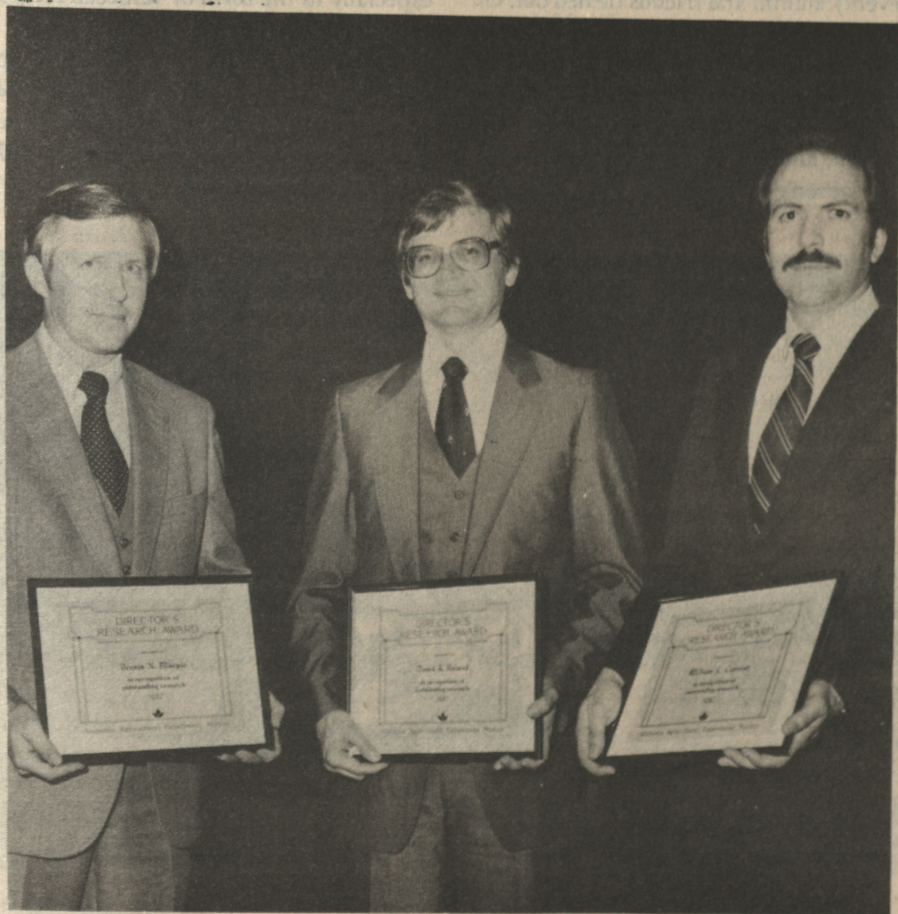
Vicki Sue Mitchell to Mark Roberts on October 16. They live in Leeds.

Oralia Farias to Issa A. Kalil on August 21. They live in Stafford, Tex., where he is with Exxon Production Research as a research engineer.

Cynthia Lynn Barnes to John H. Bodiford '74. They live in Bay Minette where he is general manager of WECA/WWSM-FM radio stations.

Vicki Lynn Watson to Daniel Herring Donnelly on October 15. They live in Houston, Tex.

Elesia A. Chesser '78 to Danny Wade Thrash.



DIRECTOR'S RESEARCH AWARDS—The three scientists who recently received the Agricultural Experiment Station's Director's Research Awards are, from left, Dr. Dennis N. Marple (junior award), Department of Animal and Dairy Sciences; Dr. David Roland (senior award), Poultry Science; and Dr. Bill Current (junior award), Department of Zoology-Entomology.

They live in Fyffe where he operates Fyffe Animal Hospital and she is a staff pharmacist at Baptist Medical Center-DeKalb in Fort Payne.

Deborah Lynn Searfoss to **James David Armstrong**. They live in Marietta, Ga.

Mary Anne Ogletree to **James Killion** on May 29. They live in Birmingham where he, an alumnus of the University of Alabama, attends Cumberland School of Law.

Beverly Jane Easter to **William Brazell, Jr.**, in August 1981. They live in Fort Worth, Tex., where both attend Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Susan Schiffman to **Bobby Howard** on Sept. 11. They live in Prattville.

BORN: A son, **Robert Lee, III**, to **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Fleming, Jr.**, of Mobile on October 12.

A son to **Mr. and Mrs. Walter James Riley, III**, of Birmingham on March 14.

A daughter, **Katherine Elizabeth**, to **Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCartha (Ida Wilson)** of Birmingham on November 9. Charles is a dental student at the University of Alabama in Birmingham and Ida teaches in the Birmingham School System.

1981

Kathy Marie Sherrer, is now **Kathy S. Colson** and lives in Atlanta, Ga.

Telicia Easterwood lives in Clarkston, Ga., and is a graphic artist in the media production department of the DeKalb County School System in Atlanta, Ga.

Rick A. Beiswenger and his wife, **Sharon Bragg '80**, live in Decatur. He is administrative manager for Rust International's Construction Management project for United Space Boosters, Inc., Tomahawk Missile Facility in Huntsville.

Deborah Kay Buettner works as a medical technologist in chemistry at The Children's Hospital of Alabama in Birmingham after having taken the national ASMT registry exam and completing a one-year internship at Baptist Medical Centers in Birmingham.

Chris Butterworth and his wife, **Carol Baldwin**, live in Birmingham where he works with Aetna Life and Casualty as a commercial property analyst and she is the direct mail and broadcast expeditor for Pizitz.

Francis Paul Ferrer, Jr., of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., works with an Atlanta-based metal service center, J. M. Tull Metals Co. He was transferred to Miami from Atlanta.

Elizabeth Ann Deaton is an Eli Lilly & Co. pharmaceutical sales representative in New Orleans, La.

Debra Ann Sullivan of Miami, Fla., works with Piedmont Airlines in customer relations and passenger service. She hopes "to begin some type of sports broadcasting in the near future."

MARRIED: **Carol Dickey** to **Chris L. Bumpers** on Oct. 16. They live in Atlanta, Ga.

Margaret Elizabeth Wood to **Charles Timothy Turner** on Oct. 16. They live in Nashville, Tenn., and both work at Vanderbilt University.

Tamela Lynne Marcus to **Michael Allen Patrick**. After a wedding trip to the Bahamas, the couple live in Birmingham.

Nancy Lea Hooper, of Alexander City, to **Thomas Alan Fliss** on Aug. 4. They live in Appleton, Wis.

Kathryne Lynne Erwin to **Jerald P. King, Jr.**, on Oct. 16. They live in Houston, Tex.

Helen Alexander to **Jerry Glenn Dooley** on Sept. 4. They live in Auburn.

Marcia Lynn McWilliams to **Ralph B. Amos** on March 20. Ralph, who attended Auburn 1978-1981, works for Searail Industries and Marcia works for Zundels Jewellries. They live in Mobile.

Karen Sue Hill '82, to **Jerry E. Ross, Jr.**, on Aug. 7. They live in Atlanta, Ga.

1982

Julia Kathleen Eggers is now **Julia E. Martin** and lives in Lafayette, La.



NATIONAL AWARD—Alabama Game and Fish Director Charles D. Kelley '49, left, recently received the first Gopher Tortoise Award from the Gopher Tortoise Council as represented by Dr. Robert H. Mount '54, past co-chairman of the Council and an Auburn professor of zoology-entomology. Dr. Mount praised the "exemplary" action taken by Alabama under Mr. Kelley's leadership to protect the tortoise as well as his support of the Nongame State Income Tax Refund Checkoff legislation to support nongame species in Alabama.

Dr. David Harvey Altman, serving a three-year tour in the U. S. Army, is the base vet for Ft. Myer in Virginia, as well as Bolling Air Force Base.

Carol Ann Tulisalo is an accountant for Bill Norton, CPA in Atlanta.

Randall Hughie Denton of Flomaton teaches at W. S. Neal Elementary School, coaches high school football and basketball, and is athletic director for the middle school.

Rodney Brent Denman is paper coordinator for Oxmoor Press in Birmingham.

Julia Strudwick Cheape is an assistant methods engineer with Southern Company Services in Birmingham.

Robert Cummings Weaver, III, of Severna Park, Md., works for the Department of Defense in Washington, D.C., where he is "slowly adjusting to the cold weather."

Jay Blackwood, DVM, has a mixed practice in Geneva with **Mickey Baine '77**.

Keith M. Brown has been promoted by West Point Pepperell's Fairfax Finishing Plant to projects engineer in the industrial engineering department. Formerly, he was a management trainee in towel operations. He and his wife, **Teressa**, live in Fairfax.

Paula Jo Westmoreland of Bridgeport is now **Paula W. Phillips** and lives in Pelham.

MARRIED: **Barri Ann Norton** to **Theodore John Pratt**. They live in Birmingham.

Lisa Harden to **William S. Windle**. They live in Birmingham.

Leigh Morrison to **Douglas Allan Pate** on Oct. 30. They live in Montgomery.

Barbara Opal Lynn to **Sgt. Richard Thomas Staples** on Sept. 4 in Auburn.

Martha Ann Hill to **Lee M. Dugger '81** on November 27. They live in Mobile where Lee is a contracting supervisor with Environment, Inc., a landscape architecture and construction firm.

Melanie Lea Wood to **Robert Powell Flowers** on October 30. They live in Dothan.

BORN: A daughter, **Jeannene Elizabeth**, to **Capt. and Mrs. Loyd Frank Lawing, Jr. (Lisa Ford '76)** on July 1.

Alabama fans. But Auburn won the pep rally as they were later to win the game.

Gulfport, Miss., area alumni held an organizational meeting on November 11 in Biloxi. Visiting from Auburn were assistant alumni director Alex Moore and a trio of Auburn students—Rob Godwin, Stevana Stevens, and Stan McDonald. Dave White is president of the group, which numbers 35.

The **Houston Area Auburn Club** wrapped up the most successful year in the club's history with an enthusiastic finale, reports **Becky Arrington '73**. On December 8, more than 240 Auburn fans came out to support Coach Sonny Smith and his basketball players in their game against the University of Houston. Although the Tigers lost, the score didn't dampen the Club's spirit as earlier that day the group had met at the U.S. Bar and Grill for a talk with Coach Smith and a pregame warmup. Free margaritas and chartered buses to and from the game were provided for the Auburn fans by the Grill.

Ten days later on December 18, the Club held a combination Christmas Party and Tangerine Bowl Watching Party at the U.S. Bar & Grill. The evening's highlight was a raffle of two round trip tickets in a private plane to the Auburn-LSU basketball game on January 29 in Baton Rouge sponsored by alumnus **Frank Chivano '71** and won by **David Wade '80**.

Upcoming Club Activities planned for '83 include a barbecue team in the 10th Annual World Championship Barbecue Contest February 18-20 in conjunction with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Auburn is the only college alumni association to have a team in the cookoff and they need help from area alumni—especially in the form of barbecue recipes, meat to cook or donations to buy meat.

Bonnie S. Baskin '73 is president of the Houston Auburn Club and is looking for more members (as well as recipes, beef, etc.) Call the club's hotline (713) 957-4973 for further information.

Auburn Clubs

Madison County Auburn Club held a couple of meetings in the fall. The first was a general dinner on October 21 with Coach Sonny Smith as guest speaker to talk about Auburn's basketball prospects this season. Seventy alumni and friends turned out. On November 22, Club President Gary Joyce was in charge as the Madison County Club fielded an Auburn-Alabama Pep Rally. On hand were the cheerleaders, **Aubie**, Miss Auburn, and 200 Auburn fans. However, they weren't all—also on hand were 150



ARMY CLAN GATHERS—A number of cadets and alumni who entered the Army through the ROTC at Auburn gathered near the rappelling tower on campus homecoming for the 1st Army ROTC Alumni-Cadet Homecoming Picnic. Parents of cadets and alumni received special invitations. More than 220 alumni, parents, guests, and cadets gathered for the picnic which ROTC officials hope to make into an annual event.

In Memoriam

Henry N. Coleman '99 of Fort Deposit died in June 1969 according to information recently received by the Alumni Association. Survivors include three sons, Thomas S. Coleman of Fort Deposit, Henry Neal Coleman, Jr., of Luverne, and Dan O. Coleman of Greenville, and a daughter, Mrs. W. L. Hughes of Fort Deposit.

George H. (Monk) Wright '19 of Auburn died November 8 at East Alabama Medical Center. He was a former mayor of the city of Auburn. He was a member of the Auburn Board of Trustees from 1950 to 1963 and served 18 years as mayor of Auburn. He owned Monk Wright Insurance Agency and was a devoted Auburn fan—attending almost every home football game since 1908. Surviving Mr. Wright are his wife, Louise M. Wright; two sons, Lee County Circuit Judge G. H. Wright '50 of Auburn and John Wright '62, owner of Landmark Studios in Auburn; a daughter, Mrs. Ann Wright Joiner of Hilton Head, S.C.; and seven grandchildren.

Robert C. Gaines '20 of Tallulah, La., died of a heart attack on March 23, 1980. Survivors include his wife, Mary Helen Gaines of Delta Nursing Home, Tallulah, La.

William Burton Dowell, Jr., '22 of Birmingham died October 28. In addition to Auburn, he attended Vanderbilt University. He was active with Woodlawn Baptist Church, Masonic Lodge No. 525, where he was past worshipful master, the Masonic Bodies, and the Zamora Shrine. Survivors include a brother, Arthur Dowell of Tampa, Fla., and a sister, Lilla Earle Mabree of Seattle, Wash.

Annabell Cary '25 of Birmingham died April 28, 1982. Survivors include John Hutchens of Framington, Mass.

William Lee (Bill) Little '30 of Centre died October 21. A lifelong resident of Cherokee County, he was a retired principal and teacher. He was superintendent of Cherokee County Schools for two terms and a member of Fairview United Methodist Church. Mr. Little had been an Active Member of the Auburn Alumni Association for 20 years. Survivors include five sons, William Bruce Little of Albertville, Cecil Scott Little of Haleyville, Gordan Davis and Thomas P. Little, both of Huntsville and William Lloyd Little of Glencoe; seven daughters, Grace Lynn Thornton of Leesburg, Mildred Lee Borland of Pleasant Grove, Mary Ann Roberts of Glencoe, Hazel Sue Bell of Anniston, Julia Faye Rives of Flat Creek, Tenn., Martha Irene Phillips of Scottsboro, and Lynda Claire D'urso of Clearwater, Fla.; two brothers, Frank J. Little of Alexandria, and Jack R. Little of Piedmont; and two sisters, Linnie Ellis of Centre and Winnie North of Talladega.

Virgil Dudley McCreary '31, DVM, of Elba died October 30. He had a private practice in Brewton until 1960, when he joined the Alabama Agricultural and Industrial Department

as director of the Animal Diagnostic Laboratory in Albertville. In 1962 he transferred to Elba to head the diagnostic laboratory there. He retired in 1976. Mr. McCreary served from 1950 to 1960 on the Alabama Examining Board for Veterinary Medicine. He was past president of the Elba Rotary Club and as an Auburn student was a member of Phi Kappa Tau social fraternity and Alpha Psi professional fraternity. Dr. McCreary is survived by his wife, Iva Hinote McCreary; a daughter, Mary Carole McCreary Allen '65 of Dothan; and a brother, Dr. Andrew J. McCreary '35 of Pensacola, Fla.

Ralph Ainsworth Sayers '36 of Columbus, Ga., died October 2, 1982. He was an Active Member of the Auburn Alumni Association. Survivors include his wife.

Rufus A. Nettles, Sr., '39 of Montgomery died in October at a local hospital. Survivors include his wife, Callie M. Nettles; a daughter, Bernice Nettles; five sons, Rufus Nettles, Jr., Albert Nettles, Bernard Nettles, Edward Nettles, and Jeffery Nettles, all of Montgomery; one brother, Luverne Nettles of St. Petersburg, Fla.; and 13 grandchildren.

John R. Thompson '40 of Birmingham died in February 1981. He was an Active Member of the Auburn Alumni Association. Mr. Thompson's survivors include his wife, Emily S. Thompson of Birmingham.

C. Getty Fairchild '41 of Carmel Valley, Calif., died September 15 of a heart attack. Survivors include his wife, Gene Scott Fairchild '41. Col. Fairchild was retired from the Army and was a member of the Auburn football teams of the late 30s. He was an Active Member of the Auburn Alumni Association.

M. L. Beck Dies October 19

Retired Education Professor Martin Luther Beck of Auburn died October 19. Mr. Beck attended North Texas State and graduated from Southern Methodist University in theology. He did graduate work in theology at the University of Chicago and was a Methodist minister at Bisbee, Ariz., where he organized youth recreation before moving to Auburn in 1928 to become a member of the School of Education faculty. He retired in 1953 to devote full time to the Beck Zoysia & Nursery Co., which he had founded earlier.

Mr. Beck retired in 1961 to take care of his ill wife, the late Exa Bargdoll Beck. He maintained his home, Holly Hill, as a showplace with extensive landscaping with flowering shrubs and trees. Mr. Beck was a member of the Auburn United Methodist Church and served in many capacities.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys Beck; one son, Martin Luther Beck, Jr., '49, and one grandson, Martin Christopher Beck.

Jack H. Cox '43 of Carrollton, Ga., died August 27. Survivors include his wife.

Robert Franklin Smith '50 of Alexander City is deceased according to information recently received by the Alumni Association. Survivors include his wife, Ethel, of Alexander City.

Marvin Gerald Humphreys '59 of Signal Mountain, Tenn., died in October. He was an architect. Survivors include his wife, Marilyn Montwill Humphreys '60.

Merle Moore Brannan '64 of Birmingham is deceased. Survivors include her husband, Dr. E. R. Brannan '53 of Birmingham.

Unusual Achievements



NEW PRESIDENT—Carl F. Bailey '52 has been elected president and a director of South Central Bell Telephone with offices at the company's headquarters in Birmingham. He had been executive vice president for corporate affairs since 1980.

Bailey Named South Central Bell Prexy

Carl F. Bailey '52 is the new president of South Central Bell, which serves 6 million customers in Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee. Executive vice president for corporate affairs since May 1980, Mr. Bailey began his career with South Central in 1952 in Louisiana. He shortly went into the Army and returned to Louisiana when his Army service was complete in 1955. In 1961 he moved to the marketing department in Southern Bell's headquarters in Atlanta. Two years later Mr. Bailey transferred to Birmingham. In 1968 he moved to AT&T's federal relations office in Washington, D.C., returning to Birmingham in 1971 as assistant to the president of South Central Bell.

A year later, Mr. Bailey was named general manager-operations and four years later, in 1976, was elected an officer of the company and appointed vice president of customer and facility services. In 1977 he moved to New Orleans as vice president-Louisiana. In 1980 Mr. Bailey returned to

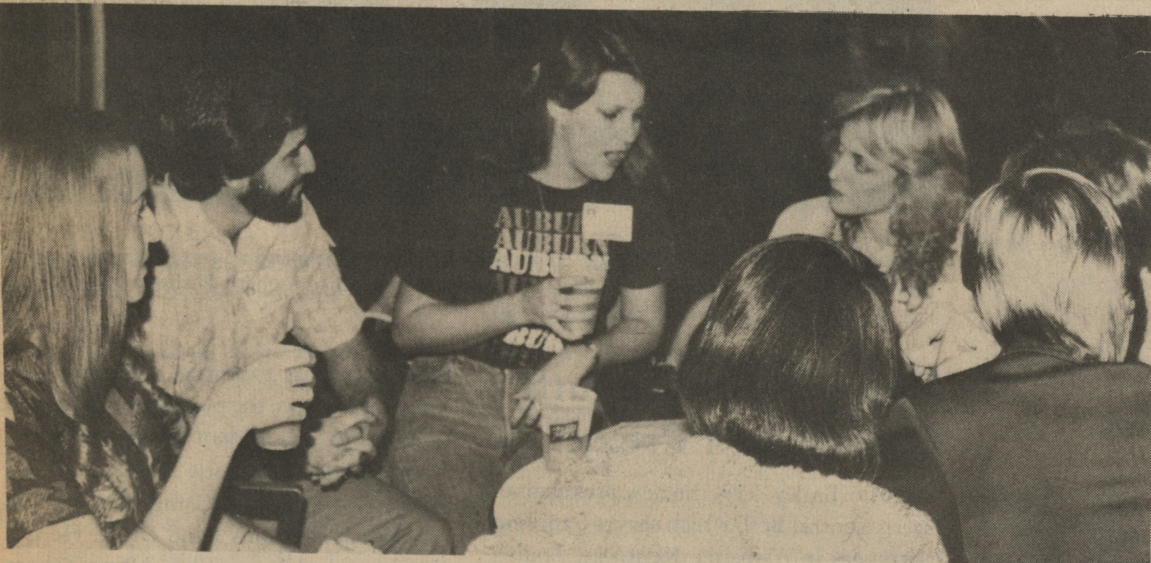
Birmingham as executive vice president-corporate affairs, the position he held until his election as president on November 1.

Mr. Bailey currently serves on the National Campaign Committee of the Auburn Generations Fund Drive. He is a director of the Kiwanis Club of Birmingham and serves on the board of trustees of both Children's Hospital in Birmingham and Loyola University in New Orleans. He is a director of Rush-Hampton, Inc., of Orlando, Fla., and a member of the Shoal Creek Golf Club in Birmingham.

Among his earlier activities are a trusteeship of the Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana, Inc., president of the Louisiana World's Exposition, Inc., and a director of the International Trade Mart, Greater New Orleans Tourist and Convention Center, the New Orleans Philharmonic Symphony, and the Council for a Better Louisiana.

Mr. Bailey studied at Dartmouth in 1967 under a program sponsored by AT&T and is listed in Who's Who in Finance and Industry for 1977-78.

He and his wife, Jean, have two sons.



Tampa Bay Club

Pictured at the annual Shrimp Boil of the Tampa Bay Auburn Club are a group of alumni having fun. Kermit Perry, assistant athletic director for operations and facilities, was guest speaker for the occasion. Among the pictures the club sent us, they identified the people pictured in two of them. At left are (from left) Stuart Schoppert '70, speaker Kermit Perry, and Wayne Fowler '63, club president. Pictured directly above are, from left, Bob Bishop '56, Perry Franklin, Louise Bishop, and Dick Roberson '22.

Sports

Auburn Wins: AU 23, UA 22

By Sam Hendrix

"The universe is balanced again."

That's how Travis Benefield '78 of Oxford, Miss., described his outlook on the afternoon of November 27 after Auburn had edged Alabama 23-22 for the first time in a decade at Birmingham's Legion Field.

Pat Dye's pesky Tigers, taking advantage of any break they could make, turned the Tide by dominating the fourth quarter, that final 15 minutes which used to be set aside for the more-talented Crimson Tide to show off its superior depth.

But all that's in the past now. Auburn, down by eight and on the brink of its third bitter defeat in the last four games, got rolling for a field goal and touchdown in the closing minutes to set off a celebration that, well, in some parts it's still going on.

Legion Field might not have been prepared for the party on its artificial turf that Saturday afternoon. Thousands wearing orange and blue poured onto the field with five seconds left on the clock, hundreds heading straight for the south end zone's doomed goal post, which now resides somewhere in the Loveliest Village. Others beelined for the white-clad heroes. To the national television audience, at least that portion who did not follow the Tigers or the Tide, it must have appeared as some sort of street riot or department store going-out-of-business sale. It was sheer madness. And it got even madder, more chaotic, a few minutes after the game ended when Pat Dye and the winning Tigers emerged from the dressing room to share the glory with their fans.

As the gloomy sky dropped occasional rain, Legion Field became Birmingham's version of Toomer's Corner. And in Auburn, the masses gathered at the real Toomer's Corner for a toilet paper pep rally extravaganza. Those who stayed in town and



CELEBRATING—To say that Auburn fans went wild when the clock finally stopped to conclude the Auburn-Alabama game 1982 is no exaggeration. The cheering hordes wearing orange and blue crowded out onto Legion Field and succeeded in downing and making off with a goalpost. And some fans who could get space on the grass long enough reportedly pulled up plugs of turf as souvenirs. Back home in Auburn, the Toomers' Corner pep rallies went on for several hours.

watched the victory on ABC-TV filled downtown Auburn for the afternoon shift before those attending the game returned to town to help in the celebration. By 9 p.m. that evening some 3,000 people were whooping and hollering, influenced by varying factors. One gentleman assumed the role of head cheerleader and, from atop a van in the center of the College St.-Magnolia Ave. intersection, led "War Eagle!" and "It's Great To Be An Auburn Tiger" cheers.

All this celebrating may be attributed to a defense that kept hitting, kept pressuring Alabama, and never let up even when it appeared the Crimson Tide would roll to

its tenth straight win over Auburn. Bama outgained Auburn by a wide margin, but the Tiger defense came up with several big plays which kept the War Eagles in the contest. In the first quarter, with the Tide in front 7-0 and driving deep in Auburn territory, senior defensive back Mark Dorminey crashed into Alabama halfback Joe Carter and the ball squirted loose. Another senior, Tim Drinkard, alertly grabbed the ball and sped to the Bama 14 where the Tide's Walter Lewis caught up with him. This set up Auburn's first score, a 14-yard dodging run by junior Lionel James on third down.

Auburn's defense made another big play later in the first half, stopping Alabama on fourth and one deep in Auburn territory. Still another big play came later in the first half when Quency Williams hit Lewis as he passed, causing the ball to fall short of Lewis's intended receiver. Tiger senior Bob Harris made the first of two interceptions at the Bama 25 to set up Auburn's second touchdown, which came five plays later on a Randy Campbell run.

Auburn led 14-13 at halftime, but had not played too well overall. Alabama had an embarrassing lead in most statistics and had moved the ball all over the field both running and passing on the Auburn defense. In the third quarter the Tide put nine points on the board to take a 22-14 lead. Importantly, after the Tide's last touchdown, they went for two. Lewis' pass to Paul Carruth, who had scored the touchdown, was low and incomplete.

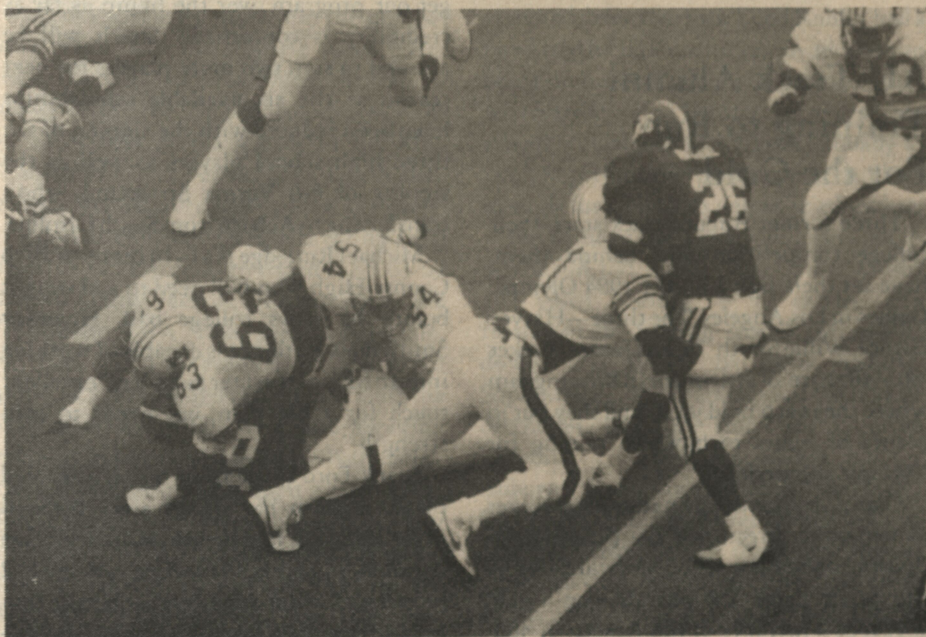
Bo Jackson, Auburn's freshman who would be named ABC's Outstanding Player on this day, picked up 53 of his 114 yards on

a blast to the Alabama 13 early in the fourth quarter. This set up a 25-yard Al Del Greco field goal which cut the Tide lead to 22-17.

The Tigers needed another touchdown to win. They had needed another touchdown against Georgia two weeks earlier and had driven from their 20 to the Bulldog 14 before coming up short. Some people said that this Auburn team was a year away from being able to punch it in when they needed it in a clutch situation against a big team. But the Auburn offense felt it had something to prove, something that they knew they could have done against the top-ranked Georgia team two weeks before but just had not done.

Several times on this drive Auburn faced do-or-die. There was that fourth and short when Jackson dived over left tackle for the first down. There was that gut-wrenching third and 14 pass from Randy Campbell to senior split end Mike Edwards, inches over the finger tips of an Alabama linebacker and right on the money for a 15 yard gain. Dye called it "the most important play in the game." Facing third and goal at the Bama eight, Campbell hit Jackson out of the backfield, and he ran to the one before the Tide's Tommy Wilcox and Jeremiah Castille, both All-America candidates, nailed him short of the goal. On the next play, Jackson twisted and squirmed through the center of the line to the end zone and Auburn led 23-22.

Alabama had another shot, but Bob Harris picked off his second errant pass of the day to give Auburn the ball with just over a minute to play. On third down and one, Jackson vaulted the line for the first down,



BOOM—Auburn's Ben Thomas greets Alabama fullback Ricky Moore with Quency Williams, Gregg Carr, and James Wallace also helping on the welcoming ceremony.

but the ball popped to the turf and Alabama had it again for one last shot at a miracle win.

"There was no way we were gonna let them score," said more than one Auburn defender after the game. A couple of completions gave Bama the ball at their 45, but then the Tiger defense stiffened. Freshman Gerald Robinson and sophomore Ben Thomas chased Lewis and dropped him for a loss. An intentional grounding penalty moved Bama further back, and after picking up seven yards on third and 32, the Tide's final pass of the day fell harmlessly and Auburn got possession with 12 seconds left.

As Randy Campbell clutched the ball and knelt to secure the win, the masses poured over the gates at the south end of Legion Field. For minutes, as one second remained on the scoreboard clock, time was suspended and the goal post went down. After nine long years, it took a while to balance the whole universe again.

Football Seniors Receive Watches

The Jefferson County Auburn Club held its annual Senior Watch Banquet December 2 at the Birmingham Hilton and some 650 alumni and friends gathered to honor the seniors who had led the Tigers to an 8-3 record, their first bowl appearance in eight years, and Auburn's 23-22 win over Alabama.

Receiving watches were senior managers Steve Ballard and Jeff Pool, student coaches John Gibbon and Doug Taylor, student trainers Joe Kelley and Ed Saidla, and players Ronny Bellew, Vernon Blackard, Johnny Cheeks, Dennis Collier, Mark Dorminey, Tim Drinkard, Mike Edwards, Bob Harris, Mike Hicks, Willie Howell, Christopher Martin, Bishop Reeves, Scott Riley, and Greg Tutt.

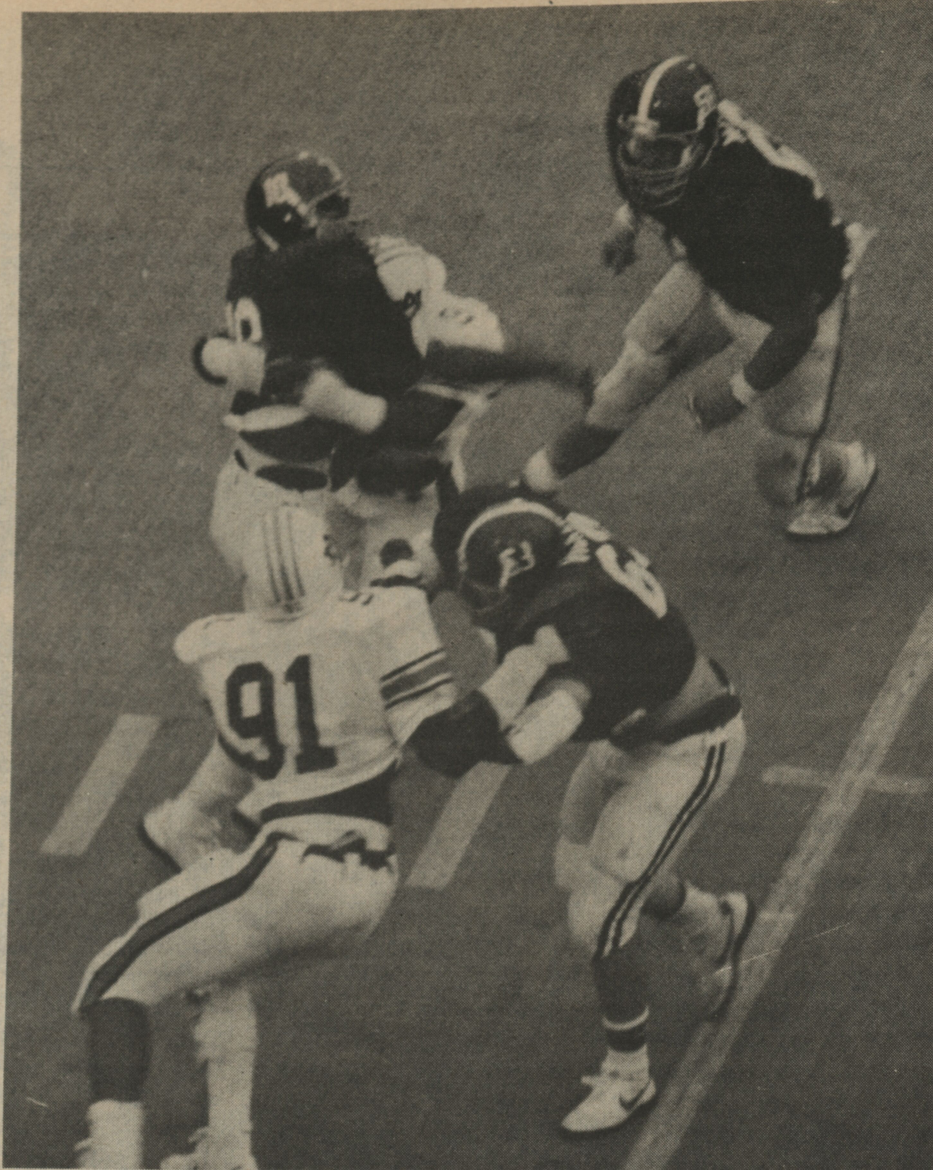
The club's Bill Streit Award, given annually to the top scholar among the seniors, was shared by Dorminey and Blackard.

Several Tigers Make AP All-SEC Teams

Nine Auburn football players have been named to the Associated Press All-Southeastern Conference teams, three on the first team and six on the second team. The Tigers placed more players on the two squads than any other SEC school. Georgia, which won its third straight SEC title, placed eight while LSU had seven representatives. Alabama had six players on the teams, Vanderbilt five, Florida and Tennessee four each, Mississippi State three, Ole Miss two, and Kentucky one.

David Jordan, a 6-6, 266 lb. junior from Birmingham, was named to the first team offensive guard position. Representing Auburn on the first team defense were junior tackle Doug Smith, 6-6, 280-lb., from Bayboro, N.C., and middle guard Dowe Aughtman, a 6-2, 263-lb. junior from Brewton.

Auburn players named to the second team were tackle Pat Arrington, running backs Lionel James and Bo Jackson, linebackers Chris Martin and Gregg Carr, and defensive back Bob Harris.



TIGER RUSH—Defensive end Quency Williams crashes into Alabama quarterback Walter Lewis during the final series of Auburn's 23-22 win Nov. 27. Also moving in is nose guard Ben Thomas.

Lady Tigers 11-1, Aiming Toward NCAA Tourney

Auburn's women's basketball team picked up this season where it concluded last season's 24-5 mark. Through mid-January the Lady Tigers are 11-1, losing only to Cheyney State, the squad which eliminated Auburn in last year's NCAA tournament. Ranked 15th in the Associated Press poll at press time, the Lady Tigers seem headed for the tournament again.

Despite losing two four-year starters from last year's team, the Auburn women have pretty much run through their schedule in the same dominating fashion as a year ago. Other than a 73-72 win over Illinois State and the 57-54 loss to Cheyney State on consecutive nights in December, the Lady Tigers have not had a close game. After opening the season with an 82-50 win over UAB, Auburn defeated Mercer, Troy State, and Tennessee Tech before the Illinois State and Cheyney State games. The Auburn women responded to the loss by routing Northwestern 70-53 the following night. All those games were part of the Lady Techster Dial Classic in Ruston, La. Auburn then whipped Austin Peay, North Carolina, Mississippi State, Alabama, and Alabama-Huntsville.

Junior All-American Becky Jackson has been the dominant force in the attack for Coach Joe Ciampi's fourth Lady Tiger team. The 6-2 center from Franklin, La., has averaged more than 20 points per game in the first 12 contests and leads the team in rebounding with an 11.3 per game average. She has shot a team-leading 65

percent from the field and has blocked 20 shots. Jackson has been the team's leading scorer in every game except the win over North Carolina.

The leading scorer in the N.C. game was Lori Monroe, a 6-1 senior from White Plains, N.Y. A steady player for four years, Monroe has averaged 10.3 points per game along with 6 rebounds. Freshman Brenda Hill, who has scored at a 9.5 pace with 5 rebounds per game, has given Auburn additional inside strength. Guards Debra Larkin and Cindy Sagrera have also given Auburn steady play. Larkin has averaged nearly 10 points per game, Sagrera 3.6 points per game but a team-leading 61 assists through 12 games.

AU Track Alumni Training to Run For the Gold

Three former Auburn track stars, their college competition now behind them, have set their sights on the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. The three—Harvey Glance, Willie Smith '79, and James Walker '80—all share an apartment in Birmingham where they each hold jobs. And they put in plenty of hours each week training for Olympic competition.

Glance, a Phenix City native, now serves as executive director of the Birmingham Sports Foundation. The 148-pounder who can bench press 350 pounds won a gold medal as a member of the American 400-meter relay squad in the 1976 Olympics and was later named captain of the 1980 Olympic track team. That team did not

compete because of the boycott of the Moscow Olympics.

Willie Smith came from Long Island, N.Y., to Auburn and now works as director/producer of satellite news for Channel 6 TV in Birmingham. He's hoping he has not lost the form that made him the top-ranked 400-meters runner in the world in 1979.

James Walker, from Atlanta, works as an accountant trainee at the First National Bank in Birmingham. His sights are set on Edwin Moses' world record in the 400-meter hurdles.

Coached by Glenn McWaters of the Sports Medicine and Fitness Institute, the three, along with Birmingham native and former University of Arkansas track star Randy Stephens, work out at Samford University facilities in a project sponsored by the Birmingham Sports Foundation. This is the nation's first program to help world-class athletes find jobs which allow them to train for the Olympics.

These athletes put in their fair share of time, too. They work out approximately four hours per day seven days a week, running, hurdling, lifting weights, and gaining flexibility through a ballet class.

Smith Sweeps Area In NCAA's Early BB Recruiting

Auburn basketball coach Sonny Smith, before he even coached this year's top-notch recruits in a regular season game, took advantage of a new NCAA rule to sign the top prospects in three Southern states. The NCAA this past year allowed schools to sign high school seniors to binding letters of intent during a one-week span in early November. Smith used the opportunity to sign the top prospects in Alabama, Georgia, and Florida.

Signing with Auburn for the 1983-84 academic year were Michael Rutledge of Bibb County High in Centreville, Ala.; Frank Ford of Osceola High in Kissimmee, Fla.; and Terry Martin of Douglass High in Atlanta, Ga. All three were regarded as the top players in their respective states for this year's high school basketball season.

"This certainly has to be considered the best start to a recruiting year since I've been here," said Auburn's fifth year coach. "This was something that was needed to get our program over the hump as far as credibility is concerned." Smith will be allowed to sign two more players for next season as the six available scholarships have been reduced with the signing of the three high school players as well as the signing of 6-6 Vernia Strickland, who's transferring to Auburn from South Carolina.

Michael Rutledge is a 6-10 center at Bibb County High who will need to add weight before he plays college ball. However Smith feels Rutledge is capable of working into an SEC performer as he has "excellent touch for a big man, but needs to gain strength."

Frank Ford is the most highly-regarded player Auburn has signed since forward Mike Mitchell, now in the NBA with San Antonio, signed in 1974. Ford averaged 22 points and 20 rebounds per game as a junior and was considered Florida's outstanding high school player. At 6-4, he had made five All-America teams chosen by *Basketball Annual and Complete Sports* maga-

zine and was ranked the number five big guard in America by B/C Scouting Service, which calls the youngster "an offensive machine who takes the ball into the lane and vaults over foes, always playing hard."

Terry Martin, a 6-6 power forward from Atlanta is an excellent jumper with good quickness. Martin is adequate as an outside scorer, but his strength lies in his inside game. He is considered the top prospect in the state of Georgia this season.

Utes 71-62. The SEC schedule began on Jan. 3 when Auburn beat Mississippi State 77-66. Two nights later, before a sellout crowd at Memorial Coliseum, the Tigers came back from a four-point halftime deficit to clobber Alabama 91-80. Foul trouble cost Auburn its first conference loss, a 92-75 game to Florida. The Gators shot 48 free throws on their home court compared to Auburn's 11.

Auburn Clobbers B.C. In Tangerine Bowl

By Sam Hendrix

Auburn's War Eagles decided the "gathering of eagles" theme the Orlando, Fla., press chose to nickname the 37th Tangerine Bowl included one eagle too many. So the War Eagles put together possibly their finest performance of the season to knock their Boston College counterparts off the nest 33-26 before a sellout crowd of 51,296.

Auburn, after yielding a game-opening touchdown drive to Boston College, took control to outscore the Eagles 30-3 during the second and third quarters to dominate the game. A pair of BC touchdowns in the final minutes made the score closer than the contest actually was.

The game was the fitting ending to the Cinderella season that several Auburn players deserved. Randy Campbell, the junior from Hartselle who a year ago had been moved to split end because the team did not need him at quarterback, ran the wish-bone to perfection. Campbell directed the offense for 490 yards, 177 of which he passed for on 10 completions. Describing the game as giving him "more fun than at any time since I've been playing football," Campbell accepted the game's Most Valuable Player trophy.

For Mark Dorminey, the Tangerine Bowl proved a perfect ending to a gutsy career marked by six operations, including the fourth on his knees performed a few days following the T-Bowl. Dorminey, whose injury in the Mississippi State game in October almost ended his career, intercepted a pass and made more than his share of tackles to earn the game's defensive MVP award.

Several other AU seniors ended their careers in fitting manner, including running back Willie Howell, who scored the only touchdown of his Auburn career in the second quarter on a three-yard run. And reserved defensive back Todd Rubley had a bowl trip he'll never forget. In addition to being on his honeymoon in Orlando, Rubley received a Red Lobster Corp. graduate school scholarship which goes annually to two Tangerine Bowl participants. He plans to study for a master's degree in education.

But some of the Tiger youngsters got in on the fun, too. Junior Lionel James gained 101 yards rushing on 17 carries, and freshman Bo Jackson scored two touchdowns and gained 64 yards rushing. Sophomore Grett Pratt crashed the middle of the BC line nine times for 59 yards including a 15-yard touchdown run for Auburn's final score. Mike Edwards and Chris Woods caught three passes each to total 123 yards between them. And sophomore Clayton Beauford, who saw little action after an early season switch from quarterback to split end, caught a pass to set up an Auburn touchdown in the second quarter.

Scenes from Tangerine Bowl—



INTERVIEWS—Players pictured with Montgomery sports announcer Phil Snow in Orlando are, from left, Donnie Humphrey, Dowe Aughtman, Snow, Dennis Collier, James Wallace, and Ben Thomas.



AT KENNEDY SPACE CENTER—Among the activities the players enjoyed in the Orlando area was a trip to Kennedy Space Center where Auburn's top-ranking alumnus Director Dick Smith '51 greets players Bo Jackson and Lionel James.



AT DISNEY WORLD—Pictured at Disneyworld are (front) Kirk Callaway; standing Bob Hix, John Margadonna, Tommy Carroll, and Jay Jacobs.

Veteran Squad Has Tigers Off To Good Start

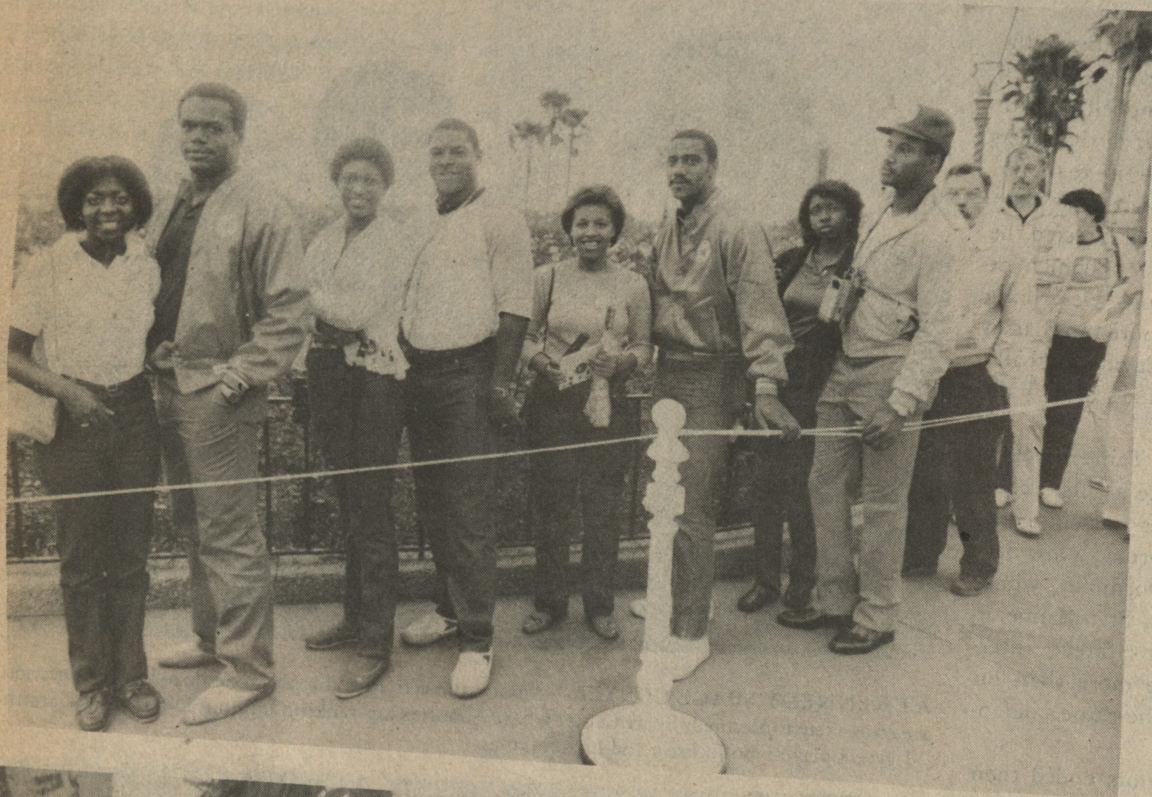
Four- and five-game winning streaks, highlighted by home conference wins over Mississippi State and then-fifth-ranked Alabama, have given Sonny Smith's Auburn Tigers a 9-3 mark through the first week of SEC action. But it's a good thing Smith can count on plenty of seasoned leadership as Auburn attempts to improve on last year's 14-14 record. The road ahead leads through the SEC, this year the nation's most balanced and most talented basketball conference.

Six seniors are playing key roles on this year's basketball team, with six underclassmen also seeing action. Returning from last year as the leading rebounder in the SEC is Charles Barkley, who this season has gotten off to a slow start by getting in foul trouble early in most games. Barkley has averaged 14 points and 9 rebounds per game, but fouled out of six of AU's first 12 games. His performance against Alabama might indicate he's regaining his form. Barkley, after scoring just six points in the first half against the Tide, scored 21 in the second half and held Bama's Bobby Lee Hurt to a mere 10 points as Auburn whipped Alabama 91-80 on Jan. 5.

Seniors Odell Mosteller (18 points per game) and Darrell Lockhart (13 points and six rebounds per game) have given Auburn steady play and the leadership the team has needed. And Alvin Mumphord and Byron Henson, starters during their previous years, now are used in reserve roles. Mumphord averages 8 points per game playing both forward and guard. Henson's three years of experience make him the number one relief man for starting point guard Paul Daniels, who has overcome his tendency to turn the ball over to emerge as one of the finest points guards in the SEC. Freshman Chuck Person is the Tigers' fifth starter. He has averaged 6 points per game.

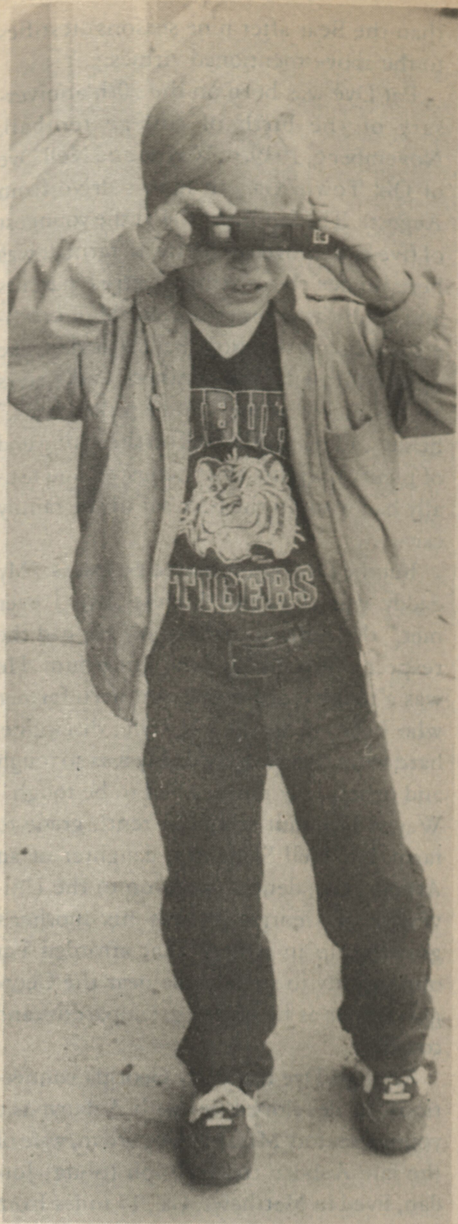
After an exhibition win over the national team of France, Auburn edged UAB 63-61 before taking Mercer, Florida State, and Tennessee Tech. Then came a road trip. Stetson, which last year lost to Auburn by a point as a last-second shot bounced off the rim, took advantage of a cold shooting night by Auburn and won 59-58. Nationally-ranked Houston broke open a close game in the second half two nights later to whip Auburn 77-65. Auburn then routed Florida International 115-77 before heading out West for the Utah Classic. The Tigers beat one of the West Coast's top teams, California-State-Fullerton, 69-60, then won the tournament by defeating the host Utah

Scenes from the Tangerine Bowl—



All Part of the Fun

The activities for the Auburn players, the band, and fans at the Tangerine Bowl included a barbecue, and a visit to Disneyland and Kennedy Space Center among others. Pictured top left are David Jordan, Ronnie Bellew, two unidentified players, John Daly, unidentified, and Dave Blanks. Below are Jeff Jackson, Pat Thomas, Pat Washington, Quency Williams and friends. At bottom are Donny Robinson, David King, Ron Middleton, Quency Williams, and Mrs. Bobby Wallace. Pictured above at practice are top right on page 25 are Neil Calloway and the offensive line. Other pictures are not identified.



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Perhaps, though, the story of this game was the Auburn defense. The Tigers faced the sixth leading total offense accumulator in America in Boston College quarterback Doug Flutie. Named the game's offensive MVP, Flutie threw for 299 yards on 22 completions, including two touchdowns. However interceptions by Dorminey and linebacker Gregg Carr stopped BC drives during the middle two quarters. The Eagles rushed for only 115 yards and coughed up three fumbles.

Boston College opened the game by driving 79 yards in eight plays with Flutie escaping a pass rush and darting five yards for the score. Auburn's first possession took the Tigers to the BC three before the drive stalled. Al Del Greco kicked a 20-yard field goal for Auburn's first points to make it 7-3.

The Tigers broke it open with a 20-point second quarter. Auburn's go-ahead score came as a result of a short BC punt which gave AU possession at the Eagle 21. Bo Jackson dived over the top from the one to make it 10-7. The first touchdown of Willie Howell's career made it 17-7. Then after BC added a field goal, Auburn tallied again with Jackson taking a Randy Campbell pitch and sliding seven yards down the sideline for a 23-10 halftime lead.

Del Greco drilled a 23-yard field goal in the third quarter to make it 26-10, then Greg Pratt dashed up the middle untouched from 15 yards out to give Auburn a commanding 33-10 lead at the end of three quarters. Coach Pat Dye then cleared his bench for the rest of the squad to see action. Boston College scored twice in the fourth quarter, the final score coming with time expiring and Auburn fans running onto the field.

Pat Dye: How Did the Coach Get Here?

By Sam Hendrix

AUTHOR'S NOTE: The 1982 Auburn football squad gave the university its most wins and its first bowl trip since 1974. The reasons for the success the past two seasons may be found in the coaching methods of Pat Dye and his assistants. To see how Dye proposes to coach young men and expect positive results we must examine what has gone into shaping Dye, his background in family and in football. The following story represents an attempt at a comprehensive look at Dye's background to find out just what he has learned and what he coaches about competing in football and in life.

Scene One:

October 24, 1981. On the sidelines of Jordan-Hare Stadium, with a cold breeze swirling through the approaching dusk, first-year Auburn coach Pat Dye watches his quarterback disappear beneath a swarm of Mississippi State maroon on a play his team was not even supposed to run. It is fourth down near midfield and the 3-3 Tig-



STUDENT AND TEACHER—Reporters and photographers surround Auburn Coach Pat Dye and Alabama Coach Bear Bryant following Auburn's 23-22 victory over Alabama in November after a long dry spell for Auburn. Dye, a former Alabama assistant coach, obviously learned some lessons well from the record-setting Bryant.

ers stand on the verge of an upset of the nationally-ranked Bulldogs. But the untimely turnover, a clutch State completion on a fourth-and-ten, then a scrambling quarterback's desperate toss to the end zone with :59 left snatches victory from the embarrassed Tigers.

Coach Pat Dye probably learned from that experience—possibly the low point of his career—a lesson only reality can teach. Following an after-game discussion with the officials, a session so heated that it reminded witnesses of baseball's Billy Martin railing at umpires, Dye assured Auburn followers that should similar circumstances arise again, he would not hesitate to punt.

Scene Two:

September 25, 1982. Sunlight bathes the Auburn campus on a glorious football Saturday, and Jordan-Hare Stadium holds a spectrum of blue and white and orange. Auburn's young offense has moved the ball well against the Tennessee defense, but thus far has gained only six points and trails the lightning-quick Volunteers by a single point. Late in the second quarter Auburn fails to convert a third-and-two at the Vol. 45. More than a few fans growl as Pat Dye sends his punting team into the game. Those fans might not remember the events of eleven months back, but Pat Dye has not forgotten.

Moments later the decision pays off. Cornerback Dennis Collier grabs an overthrown Vol pass at midfield and returns 25 yards. Then, nine seconds before halftime, Al Del Greco drills an emotion-lifting field goal to give Auburn a 9-7 advantage. Auburn beats Tennessee 24-14.

Evidence of the evolution of a football coach? Probably, but Pat Dye does not admit it. He won't speculate on his progress after nearly a decade of head coaching college football. Knowing doggone well his ranks among the brightest of futures in the business, Dye also knows a golden list of *do's* and *don'ts* handed down from a legendary pair who made it to the record books. One of these maxims is, "The less you say, the less you are going to have to take back."

Pat Dye's teams—after six seasons at East Carolina, one year at Wyoming, and the two seasons at Auburn—won 68, lost

32, and tied one. Each place he went he took struggling programs to heights long not seen. While at East Carolina, Dye saw the stadium expand from 17,000 to 35,000 and a former punching bag of a football team knock off such big boys as North Carolina, North Carolina State, Southern Mississippi, and Duke. Wyoming went 6-5 under Dye, the Cowboys' first winning season in eight years. Auburn in 1981 finished 5-6 in one of the nation's roughest schedules, but the Tigers whipped nine of their 12 opponents in 1982's even tougher schedule, and challenged for the SEC title.

The people and the experiences which went into the shaping of Pat Dye tell the story of the making of a winner: disciplinary-conscious parents, competitive older brothers, hard work on a south Georgia farm, demanding high school coaches, playing for Wally Butts at the University of Georgia, time in the Canadian Football League and the U.S. Army, and coaching under Paul (Bear) Bryant at the University of Alabama. Dye, 68-32-1 (two more wins

than the Bear after nine seasons) testifies to the above-mentioned virtues.

Pat Dye was born on the 70th anniversary of the birth of college football, November 6, 1939, to Wayne and Nell Dye of Old Town, Ga., an hour's drive from Augusta. The family, with Pat the youngest of five kids, moved to Blythe to farm. It was here, under the rearing of strict parents and amid the competitive world of brothers and sisters that little Pat learned to take up for himself. "My brothers and sisters always picked at me—and I picked back," he says, admitting he was on the losing end of plenty of fights as a youngster, and usually had to sit in the back seat in the family car.

But the Dye family reared no losers. "My daddy was the most honest man I ever met," the Auburn coach said. "He had the respect of everybody who knew him. He was a tough, hard-nosed Southern farmer who believed in the old style: discipline, hard work. Because my daddy was so tough and ornery, my mother had to be tough." Wayne Dye quit school in tenth grade to farm, but Nell Slaughter, daughter of an Athens, Ga., dentist, went on to the University of Georgia. It was his mother's growing up in Athens that afforded Pat opportunity to spend time near the Georgia campus as he visited grandparents and cousins.

Though Dye had early Georgia connections, he developed ties with Auburn as a youngster, too. Mrs. Evelyn Jordan, wife of the late Auburn coach Ralph (Shug) Jordan, lived in Matthews, Ga., 15 miles from Blythe. Dye rode to school on a milk truck driven by her nephew. Coach Jordan and Wayne Dye became friends, discussing farming, politics, and fishing. When the time came for Pat Dye to choose between college offers, Coach Jordan, realizing that with two older brothers already having played at Georgia the family would likely want to stick together, told Dye, "If you're interested in Auburn, Auburn's interested in you."

Dye, of course, chose Georgia over Auburn, Georgia Tech, and Tennessee. He



SIGHTSEEING—Coach Dye, surrounded by players and Associate Athletic Director John Cochran, gets in the sightseeing in Orlando. From left are Tim Jessie, Todd Rubley, Dr. Cochran, Steve Wallace, Lionel James, and Coach Dye.

was small of stature but had distinguished himself as a gifted and determined athlete. Pat threw javelin and discus for the state championship track team at Richmond Academy in Augusta, and gave his all as a junior when his football team advanced to the state championship game before losing. Dye remembers that loss well because it taught him a lesson.

"In the locker room after we had lost the game, a bunch of players, mostly seniors who had played their last game, were laughing and cutting up," Dye recalls. "I got the juniors together and pointed to the group having all the fun. I told them 'I don't know about you but I don't think there's anything funny about losing the state championship.' So we all made a vow then and there that we were going to win the state championship the next year." That fall, the team took two busloads of players to a rigorous training camp and returned with only one busload. They won the state championship, upsetting a two-touchdown favorite in the title game. Dye considers that win his greatest thrill in football.

Then Dye went to Georgia to play for Wally Butts. Edwin Pope, in his *Football's Greatest Coaches*, describes Butts as "the little man with the fire hydrant frame and choirboy mug." Butts was no choirboy. He sometimes did substitute for ministers behind the pulpit on Sundays and he did, among many kind acts, help a player through the remainder of his college requirements after that player had been removed from the team. But Wally Butts was the game's most demanding coach in the 40s and 50s. At 5'6", 195 pounds, Georgia's "little round man" preached fundamentals and conditioning. The Bulldogs during Butts' reign held a reputation for comebacks because of their conditioning, and Butts led the Dogs a decade before they lost a game in the fourth quarter.

The line coach on the '58 and '59 Georgia teams, former Alabama coach J. B. (Ears) Whitworth, complemented the stern Butts by lending an understanding ear to his players' problems. Teaching Dye another golden lesson, that understanding served to unify the team. That unity surfaced in 1959.

"The 1958 Georgia team had more talent and less discipline than any team I've ever seen," Dye recalls of the squad that won only four games and finished tenth in the 12-team Southeastern Conference. After some soul-searching, the Bulldogs won the SEC in 1959 before shutting down Missouri in the Orange Bowl, 14-0. Perhaps the most important game of 1959 for Georgia, and the game many people feel earned Pat Dye All-American status, came on the second Saturday that November.

Shug Jordan's Auburn Tigers held the number eight spot in the rankings on November 14 as they traveled to Sanford Stadium to face the 7-1 Georgia team. Auburn led 13-7 and needed to kill another four minutes to have a 5-1 conference record going into the season finale against Alabama. But with second and 10 at the Auburn 39, Tiger quarterback Bryant Harvard went back to pass. Dye, charging from his guard position, decked the quarterback, shook the ball loose, then fell on it at the 34. A Fran Tarkenton pass to Bill Herron moments later, with 30 seconds left in the game, gave Georgia a 14-13 win.

"Pat was as intense and competitive a player as I have ever played with," says

Fran Tarkenton, who later went on to establish himself as one of the greatest quarterbacks in National Football League history. "He was totally team oriented and was an inspirational leader," remembers Tarkenton of his fellow co-captain.

Dye's play against Auburn that day earned him *Sports Illustrated's* National Lineman of the Week. The crew-cut Dye won the award again the following year for his play against Georgia Tech. "Versatile Pat Dye piled up Tech runners from his guard post, then shifted to end to block an extra point and field goal," captioned the *Sports Illustrated* photo of December 5, 1960. The Bulldogs had won, 7-6, with Butts shifting Dye to end on kicking plays because, said the coach, "if anyone can get in there to block kicks, he is the man." High praise for a 190-pounder.

In 1961 Dye married Sue Ward and a year later he earned a degree in education. Following graduation, Pat and his bride headed north to Edmonton where Dye would play two seasons in the Canadian Football League. In 1963 he was commissioned into the Army as a second lieutenant and spent two years at Fort Benning, Ga., where he learned even more about discipline, teamwork, and people. Dye also played in the service football league, earning the MVP Timmy Award in early 1965. He went to Washington, D.C., to receive the award presented by the Washington Touchdown Club. That organization also presented an award to the national champion college team, and there to receive the award for the 1964 top-ranked Crimson Tide was Bear Bryant. Although Georgia and Alabama had played in each of Dye's varsity seasons, the two had not met. With so much in common, the two struck up a friendship which altered the direction of Dye's career.

Later that spring, as Dye attempted to change from the Canadian Football League to the new American Football League, he received an opportunity that he could not refuse. In a move Dye called "probably the smartest thing I ever did," he joined the Bear's coaching staff at Alabama to work with linebackers. Dye got the job when Bryant called Wally Butts for a reference, and when Dye showed up at daybreak in Tuscaloosa for an interview wearing a new suit from which he had forgotten to cut the tags. For the next nine seasons Dye coached Alabama linebackers and took lead role in recruiting. During those years Alabama fielded three unbeaten squads, two national champions, five SEC titles, and nine straight bowl teams. While the Tide always had the ability to put points on the board, the key factor in Alabama's winning at that time was defense, spearheaded by Dye's linebackers, four of whom made All-America.

Coaching under the man who would eventually defeat Dye's first Auburn team to set the record for most coaching victories, Dye learned "a lot of football, organization, and respect for Coach Bryant and the things he believes in and teaches." Playing and coaching against Bear Bryant and working under him for nearly a decade, Dye watched one of the great ones at work. "I've watched him handling different situations, players, and making coaching changes," Dye said. "I use a good deal of what I learned at Alabama as far as organization and general preparation," adding that he learned from Bryant the importance of the kicking game and of a running attack.



BOWL BOUND—Pat Dye concluded his second season at Auburn with an appearance in the Tangerine Bowl in Orlando and a defeat of Boston College.

Following Alabama's 1973 national championship Dye accepted the head coaching job at East Carolina University. He stayed there six seasons, his teams winning 48 of 67 games. Then, in a situation that would later repeat itself, Dye resigned the East Carolina job thinking he would be named head coach at North Carolina State. The hiring committee at N.C. State included then-president of the institution Dr. Joab Thomas, who is currently president of the University of Alabama. Dye was his first choice. However, the others on the committee had in their minds another coach, so N.C. State hired Monte Kiffin, whose career with the Wolfpack recently ended. Dye, without a job temporarily, accepted the post at Wyoming.

Dye resigned the Wyoming job before Auburn's search committee had decided on its choice for a successor to Doug Barfield in December 1980. The general feeling about Dye in Wyoming was that he had accomplished much in turning the program around, giving it consistency, enthusiasm, and a will to win, but that he, like the players, had goals and had an obligation to himself to attempt to fulfill those goals. One of those goals was to coach in the Southeastern Conference.

Dye got that opportunity on the second day of January, 1981, after Auburn had courted Georgia coach and Auburn alumnus Vince Dooley for nearly a month, and after Auburn had interviewed such distinguished coaches as Jackie Sherrill of Pittsburgh, Bobby Bowden of Florida State, and Dan Reeves, a Dallas Cowboys assistant. Dye got off on the right foot with Auburn people. When asked whether he was disappointed about not being Auburn's first choice, he reminded reporters that he was the third son, born when his parents were anticipating a daughter. "What matters," he said, "is that Auburn got the right man for the job." Dye's first meeting with the Auburn public came on January 7, 1981,

when he was introduced to the crowd prior to that night's Auburn-Kentucky basketball game.

Dye vowed to take the struggling, probation-and-dissention riddled Auburn program and turn it around, to once again "put on those blue jerseys and put the fear of God" in the opponents. The 1981 Tigers went 5-6, Dye's first losing season as a head coach, but three of the losses—to Wake Forest, Tennessee, and Mississippi State—came because of the lack of coach-team communication which the team had developed by the season's end. Auburn won two games it was not supposed to win—19-7 over LSU and 14-12 over Florida—and gave nationally-ranked Georgia and Alabama all they wanted. The report card issued Dye by his players at the conclusion of 1981 told Auburn people what they had been waiting for: that the War Eagles were on their way back to prominence on the gridiron.

"I believe this team is going to go somewhere in the next few years," said senior defensive lineman Edmund Nelson, later drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers. "It has the athletes, the enthusiasm, and the coaching staff to win."

Bob Harris echoed his former teammate's remarks in an interview before the 1982 season. "We didn't know the coaches and they didn't know us last year," said the Auburn safety. "This year we had molded together. We work harder now under Coach Dye, but a lot of the little things he has taught us have made us a better football team. Coach Dye does everything he can to make sure we can win. If there is ever anything he can do as a coach or as a person for the team or for an individual, he will do it. That's something you don't have in a lot of head coaches."

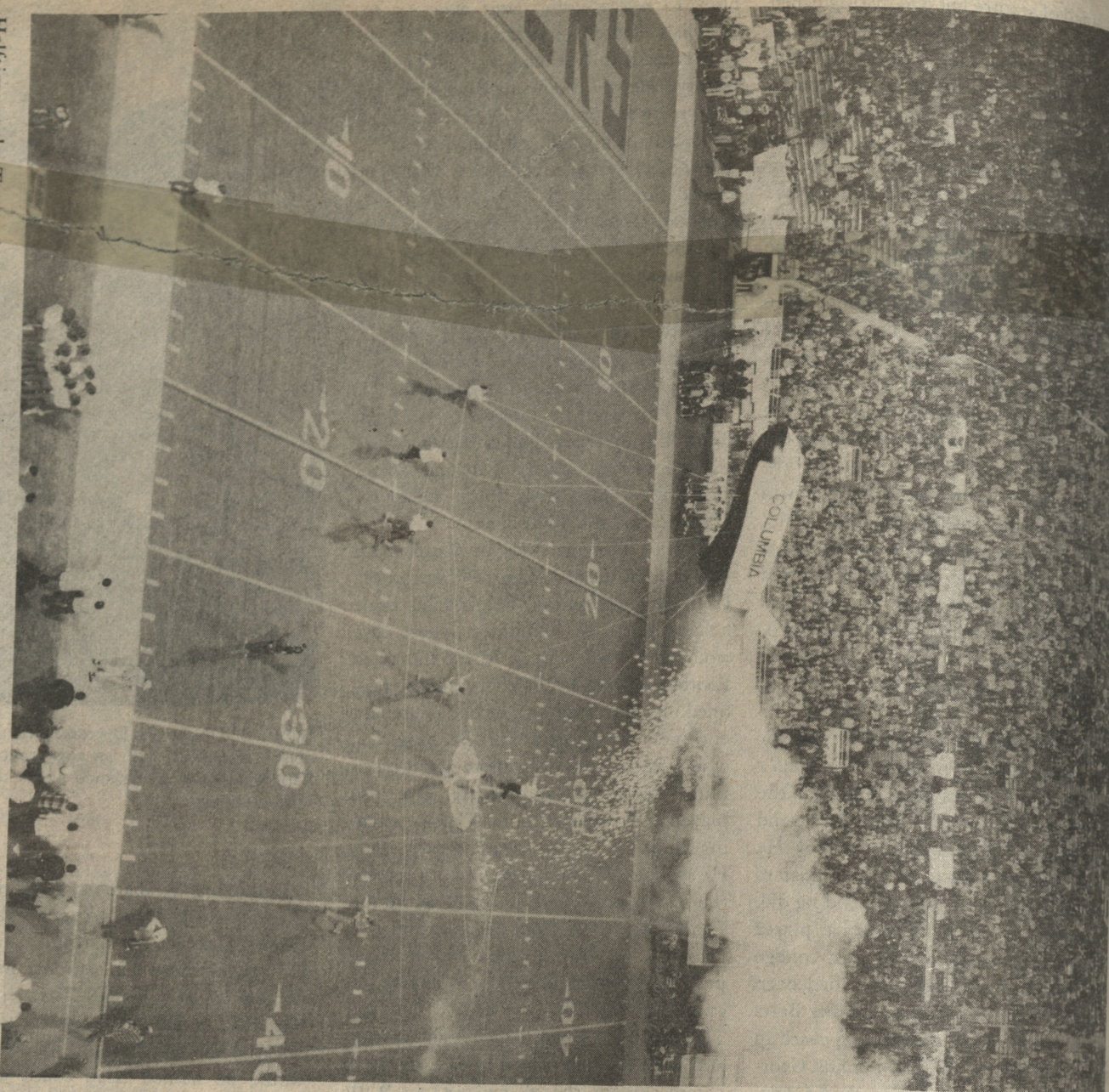
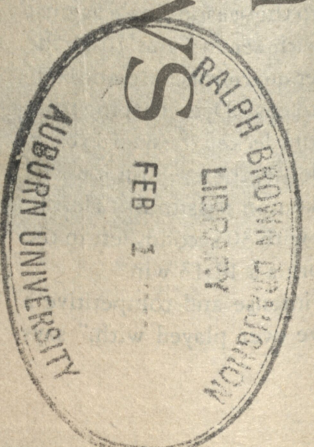
The coach won't speculate on his own development, but one who will has been with Dye long enough to know. Wayne Bolt, now an assistant on Dye's Auburn staff, started four years under Dye at East Carolina, making All-American in 1977. After coaching a year with Dye at ECU, Bolt went to Wyoming to coach linemen and the junior varsity during the 1980 season. When Dye returned to the South in 1981, he brought Wayne Bolt.

"He's pretty much the same coach now that he was at East Carolina," Bolt says. "The only difference is that at East Carolina he worked with the defense more. Now, since Coach Dye is athletic director, he's got a lot more things to worry about, so he puts the pressure on his coaches as far as planning goes. I've always felt confident under Coach Dye. He's been good to me, and I've enjoyed working with him."

Auburn officials had in mind a certain type of coach when they searched for a man to direct the school's football fortunes in late 1980. They wanted a man with character, with class, and with a sense of the old-fashioned fundamentals of discipline, hard work, and dedication. Pat Dye has spent 43 years learning not only these qualities, but why they work in any situation. No one should have been surprised when Dye, after arriving at Auburn and reading Dr. George Petrie's "The Auburn Creed," said that those were the very beliefs he had developed over the years. The experiences of Dye's career reveal what he has learned and how he has evolved into a successful football coach, a man who not only coaches a game but teaches a way of life that has been proven a winner.

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